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At the end of the last volume we left Archbishop Peckham in Wales, whither he had gone in the summer of 1284 to assist in settling the ecclesiastical affairs of the now conquered province. The bishops of Bangor and St. Asaph accepted his visitation, but on coming farther south he met with opposition. The bishop of St. David's, Thomas Bek, who had filled the office of lord treasurer, acknowledged with the usual respectful language [1] the archbishop's intimation of his intention to visit his diocese, but on his appearing before the gates of the cathedral, he set up an ancient claim that he was the metropolitan of that part of Wales, and refused to accept the archbishop except as primate, especially as there was a case before the court of Rome bearing on the point.

Claim of the bishop of St. David's to be Metropolitan.

From the time of the first foundation of the see at St. David's by David the successor of Dubricius, archbishop of Caerleon, some four and twenty of his successors were styled archbishops, and the archiepiscopal functions, the power of consecrating, remained, it was said, attached to the see.[2]

This claim was revived by Bernard the first Norman bishop, some twenty years after his nomination to the see in 1115 by Henry I., and the story of the settlement of the dispute will be found in Haddan and Stubbs' Councils, told by extracts from Giraldus Cambrensis *De jure et Statu Menevensis Ecclesiæ* and other

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[1] No. dlxvii.

[2] Hardy's Le Neve, I. 288.

documents. The evidence of Robert, bishop of Bath,[1] is fairly conclusive as to his own times, but that of Everard, bishop of Norwich,[2] which has not been printed, is more in detail. He remembered, he said, as a young man, William Rufus and Lanfranc summoning a council at Windsor, at which all the bishops were present without exception. Bernard himself, who now claimed independence, was consecrated by archbishop Ralph, and sat in council among suffragans in order of consecration, and not among the archbishops, or even next to them, as the bishop of London was entitled to do. It was not true that the bishop of Llandaff and others were consecrated by Bernard's predecessors. He, the bishop of Norwich, saw himself, with his own eyes, Anselm consecrate William Giffard to Winchester, Roger to Salisbury, William de Warelwast to Exeter, and Urban to Llandaff as his suffragans, against which the bishop of St. David's made no remonstrance. Further, in a cause between bishop Bernard and Urban of Llandaff about the boundaries of their sees, there was no mention of prelacy or subjection, but they pleaded before the archbishop of Canterbury as equals.

The bishop of Exeter also wrote to the pope to the same effect,[3] adding that Bernard was present at the consecration of archbishop Theobald as suffragan and assistant.

On this evidence the pope decided against bishop Bernard, and his successor was consecrated with a special profession of submission to Canterbury.[4] This is in brief the history of the claim.

But to return to Bek and Peckham. The archbishop replied immediately, reminding the recalcitrant bishop that he had been confirmed and consecrated, and made his profession to the see of Canterbury, in the same

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[1] Haddan and Stubbs, i. 353.

[2] Tanner MS. 127, f. 349. Bibl. Bodl.

[3] Archives of Canterbury Cathedral.

[4] Stubbs, i. 344, *et seq.*

form as all other English bishops. He showed also that the course taken with appeals from the bishop of St. David's, proved that the see was suffragan to Canterbury, as other sees were. The speech concluded with the peroration usual to clerical eloquence, a threat of excommunication. Either the argument or the threat was effective, and the visitation was successfully accomplished, the result being embodied in a letter to the prior and chapter of Canterbury, giving a full account of the proceedings. This letter is printed in Haddan and Stubbs' Councils, vol. i., p. 576, from two modern copies in Lambeth library, but as these copies are not perfectly correct, and the original has been discovered by Mr. Sheppard at Canterbury, it has been thought advisable to print it again here, it having been accidentally omitted in its proper place in the text. The date is evidently wrong. V. kal. Aug. is doubtless a clerical slip for 5 kal. Sept., a common class of mistake when Roman dates are used. On the former of these dates (28th July) the archbishop was still in Wales, but had arrived at Westminster by the 27th of August.

The passages in brackets show where the parchment has been destroyed by damp.

Frater Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis in Christo filiis . . Priori et capitulo ecclesiæ Christi Cantuar', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præteritorum experientia scripturæ custodiæ commendata, sua directione fit frequenter regula futurorum. Hinc est, carissimi, quod progressum nostræ metropoliticæ visitationis, quam nuper in Wallia fecimus, scripturæ fidei duximus in præsenti pagina summarie committendum, ut vobis omnibusque nobis in officio successuris processus nostri veritas elucescat. Nuper itaque partes Walliæ visitationis metropoliticæ gratia ingressuri, primo ad diœcesem accessimus Assavensem; et in ipsius ingressu diœcesis in villa quæ vulgariter dicitur Oswaldestre, a venerabili fratre nostro . . episcopo, cleroque et populo ejusdem loci honeste et reverenter admissi fuimus, ut decebat. Et licet secundum

formam canonicam in Assavensi ecclesia fuisset visitatio inchoanda, tamen propter viarum prolixitatem et pericula quæ non fuisset facile propter [art]ationem temporis iterare, ceteris secundum consuetudinem nostram rite per ordinem expeditis, de voluntate et assensu dicti episcopi, et cleri tunc præsentis visitationem nostram in sua diœcese exercendam ibidem inchoavimus, forma canonica in omnibus aliis observata, deinde cetera loca diœcesis, ipsamque civitatem et ecclesiam cathedralem metropoliticæ visitationis ministerio pacifice perlustrantes. In aliis quoque diœcesibus omnibus et singulis partium earundem simili modo post ingressum nostrum in diœcesem in locis se nobis commodius offerentibus, priusquam ad cathe[drales ecclesi]as veniremus, de voluntate . . episcoporum ipsis etiam præsentibus, nostræ visitationis officium propter causas consimiles duximus incho[andum. Extunc ad ec]clesias cathedrales et alia loca diœcesum prout dedit opportunitas sub visitationis examine procedentes, admissi [reverenter ut decuit i]n locis singulis, et ea quæ ad nos ratione visitationis hujusmodi de jure vel consuetudine pertinere noscuntur, [Domino disponente, libere et] quiete percipientes ubique. Verumtamen cum ad Menevensem ecclesiam veniremus et ab . . episcopo et capitulo loci ejusdem [cleroque et po]pulo devote et reverenter admissi, jam magna parte ejusdem diœcesis visitata, præsentes essemus in eorum capitulo acc[essus nostri causam et] visitationis proposituri negotium; dum essemus in proponendo, verba nostra quodammodo interrumpens dominus Thomas ejusdem [ecclesiæ episcopus alle]gans ipsam ecclesiam Menevensem multis et variis olim privilegiis apostolicis insignitam, tanquam videlicet Metropoliticam illarum p[artium ab]antiquo, quadam protestatione dicebat pro se et capitulo suo quod salvis privilegiis suis antiquis, quibus per admissionem hujusmodi præjudicare minime intendebat, parati erant nos ut primatem suum non ut archiepiscopum, ad officium visitationis admittere in ipsa ecclesia et diœcese exercendum; adiciens et subjungens quod de hoc et aliis ecclesiæ suæ juribus a tempore bonæ memoriæ domini Huberti prædecessoris nostri, cui quidam . . Archidiaconus Menevensis in ejusdem ecclesiæ episcopum electus movit quæstionem, nolens a dicto Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo consecrari, inter Menevensem et Cantuariensem ecclesias in Romana curia lis pendebat, et adhuc pendet ut asseruit indecisa; dicens præterea alibi postea quod Menevenses

episcopi consueverant aliter professionem facere quam ceteri episcopi Cantuariensis provinciæ, facientes, scilicet, in sua professione specialem de renunciatione hujus litigii mentionem, licet ipse dudum a nobis consecrandus antistes professionem suam fecerit eo modo et eadem forma, qua alii comprovinciales episcopi Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo et ecclesiæ profitentur. Propter quod dicebat licitum esse sibi si vellet litem resumere sic pendentem. Nos autem, dicto episcopo et capitulo suo, præsente alia clericorum multitudine copiosa, deliberatione provida respondimus in hunc modum:—"Domine episcope, satis debetis memoriter retinere qualiter nuper vacante ecclesia vestra per mortem bonæ memoriæ Ricardi prædecessoris vestri, omnem jurisdictionem spiritualem tam in ipsa ecclesia et personis ejusdem, quam etiam tota diœcese tanquam metropolitanus et sede vacante episcopus jure diœcesano per officiales nostros ad hoc specialiter destinatos libere et plene exercuimus, nostrique prædecessores suis temporibus in similibus casibus hoc fecerunt; qualiterque postmodum personam vestram electam in Menevensem episcopum confirmavimus et consecravimus confirmatam, facta prius a vobis in scriptis professione vestra nobis et successoribus nostris et Cantuariensi ecclesiæ, prout ab aliis nostris suffraganeis fieri consuevit; in qua etiam vos manu propria subscripsistis. Qualiter quoque vos sic consecratum episcopum per Archidiaconum nostrum Cantuariensem, ad quem officium hujusmodi pertinere dinoscitur, in sede vestra intronizare fecerimus, et in ipsam etiam ecclesiam introduci. Eodem igitur jure quo hæc fecimus in præsenti visitare volumus, Domino concedente, nec isti distinctioni inter primatem et Archiepiscopum ad præsens aliqualiter assentimus. Debetis insuper attendere quod tam vestris quam prædecessorum vestrorum temporibus in possessione fuimus et existimus prædecessoresque nostri fuerunt rescribendi ad appellationes et querelas subditorum vestrorum, sicut in aliis facimus quando nobis expedire videtur nostræ provinciæ diœcesibus, juxta antiquas et approbatas Cantuariensis ecclesiæ libertates, ex quibus liquide potest omnibus apparere, ecclesiam Menevensem tanquam Cantuariensis ecclesiæ suffraganeam, nobis in hiis quæ ad Archiepiscopum et Metropolitanum loci, de jure vel consuetudine pertinent plena subi[ectione] teneri." Hiis itaque sic expletis, præfatos episcopum et capitulum monu-

imus et injunximus eisdem districtius in virtute obedientiæ et sub pe[na excommunicationis maj]oris, quam ibidem in scriptis, sicut in aliis feceramus diœcesibus visitandis, tulimus in omnes nostræ metropoliticæ jurisdic[tionis officium injuste] quomodolibet perturbantes, ne nobis quominus libere possemus in ipsa ecclesia civitate et diœcesè tam in clero quam in populo [inchoatæ visitationis officium] exercere quoquo modo resisterent, quoniam sic protestabamur in hac parte nos uti velle jure nostro ut cujuscunque jur[a alterius minime læderemus. R]ecepta igitur ab episcopo litera sua certificatoria, quod mandatum nostrum sibi directum super visitatione nostra metropolitica de[nuncianda per suam diœcesem in o]mnibus suis articulis plene fuerat executus, omnibus rite peractis ad visitationis actum processimus, tam in ecclesia [quam in aliis locis diœcesis libere] et quiete per omnia officii nostri debitum exequentes. Verum pro pace dicti episcopi qui nunquam ut credimus super hoc [intendit litem] Cant' ecclesiæ suscitare, sed hoc dixisse se postea asseruit, ne a tempore dicti domini Huberti continuata præscriptio finem impo[nere vid]eretur, et ne super negligentia posset argui quoquomodo, quasdam literas nostras eidem concessimus, quas idcirco præsenti pagina de ve[r]bo ad verbum duximus inserendas, ut si futuris temporibus de præmissis aliqua mentio habeatur, nullam aliam literam a nobis unquam [de hoc] facto concessam fuisse, vel de nostra conscientia aliquatenus processisse, certissime cognoscatis. Tenor autem ejusdem literæ talis est:—[Univer]sis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis frater J. permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus totius Angliæ primas, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad notitiam omnium Deum timentium volumus pervenire, quod nuper Menevensem diœcesem auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, de voluntate et assensu venerabilis fratris et suffraganei nostri domini Thomæ Dei Gratia ejusdem episcopi diœcesis, eandem visitationem inchoavimus in præsentia ipsius episcopi apud Lampader, propter viarum prolixa discrimina et artationem temporis, priusquam Meneviam veniremus, deinde civitatem et diœcesem visitationis metropoliticæ ministerio perlustrantes. Verum, quia sic jus nostrum exequi volumus, ut nullis aliis injurias inferamus, tenore præsentium profitemur, quod non intendimus nec volumus occasione visitationis nostræ taliter inchoatæ, quæ et alias in ecclesia cathedrali secundum canonicas sanctiones extiterat inchoanda, juribus vel libertatibus ipsius

episcopi vel ecclesiæ in hoc vel in aliis aliquatenus derogare. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum duximus præsentibus apponendum. Datum apud Hampton' Wygorniensi diœcese [ij. id. Aug.] Anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ anno sexto.

Consimilem quoque literam dedimus [episcopo Landavensi de] inchoatione [nostræ] visitationis in sua diœcese apud Kenefec, sub data apud Lanthoniam primam, vij. I[d. Augusti anno prædicto]. Quia igitur, filii carissimi, vita nostra vapor est parens admodicum, sed auctoritas nostra in vobis perhenniter vi[ctura, rogamus] ut quotiens vacare continget in posterum ecclesiam Menevensem, in professione consecrandi antistitis hanc contenc[ionis materiam] faciatis verbis expressis perpetuo abruncari. In quorum omnium testimonium præsentem scripturam sigilli nostri [fecimus appen]-sione muniri. Valete in Christo semper et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Mortelak' v. kal. Augusti, Anno Domini MCC. [octogesimo] quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto, indictione duodecima.

Add.—Priori et capitulo ecclesiæ Christi Cant'.

Endd.—Per J. archiepiscopum super visitatione Menevensis ecclesiæ anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto. Et de quadam perturbatione sibi facta ibidem. Et de quadam litera quam Menevensi capitulo fecit.

Several of the professions of the bishops of St. David's are still preserved at Canterbury. In that of Beck himself[1] the usual titles of archbishop and primate of all England are ascribed to Peckham, and Canterbury is styled the metropolitical see, to which the new bishop promises "due and canonical obedience, reverence, and "subjection," as other bishops did. Those of Thomas the Welchman in 1248, and his successor, Richard Carrew, are in the same form.[2]

Where the rights of the Welsh church did not interfere with his own authority, Peckham was not severe.[3] He begged the king to respect their ancient rights and privileges, and protested against the suppression of customs

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[1] Haddan and Stubbs, I. p. 528.
[2] *Ibid* p. 484.
[3] No. dlxiii.

which differed from those in use in England, reminding the king how easily an embittered clergy might rouse the people to rebellion. The result of the visitations appears in the ordinances enjoined on the clergy of the Welsh dioceses.[1] The archbishop, with his usual determination that every one should do his duty as he himself did, ordered the canons to reside, and residence to be enforced by fining them in their commons for every day's absence. Fines were a usual method of punishment in Wales, and the avarice of bishops had carried the practice to such an excess that the fines of criminous clerks seemed rather to be licences to sin than penalties, and the payments were so regular and so universal that rectors could scarcely keep their churches in repair or show due hospitality. Rich laymen also were not to be indulged with fines, but sent on pilgrimages if in too high a position to be flogged in public, or made to give money in alms instead of a fine. But a high position was not always a security against disagreeable consequences, as the oft quoted penance enjoined on Sir Osbert Giffard testifies.[2] This knight was founder of Wilton Abbey, of which a relation of his, Juliana Giffard, was abbess; and, taking advantage of his position, he succeeded in the abduction of two nuns. For this offence he was ordered to be flogged publicly three times in Shaftesbury market, and three times round Shaftesbury and Wilton churches, with no pecuniary alternative, and then "going woolward," like Don Adriano de Armado, to fight in the Holy Land for three years.

But to return to Wales. The bishop of St. David's and his colleagues were ordered to refuse the sacrament to those who would not work, and to do their utmost to prevent dealers selling their goods at a high price on credit. The necessity of making the Welsh work is repeated in a letter to the king,[3] who is earnestly ex-

[1] No. dlxxxi.
[2] No. dclvii.
[3] No. dlxv.

horted to make the people live in towns and send their children to England to be educated.

From this time, as far as we know, Peckham took no further part in Welsh matters. The insurrection of Rhys ap Meredudd[1] in 1287 is not referred to in any way in his Register.

Erroneous opinions at Oxford.

Soon after his return from Wales Peckham started on another journey through his province. Coming to Oxford he found that certain erroneous opinions in various departments of learning, which had been already condemned by his predecessor, had revived.[2] Some of these show a great decadence in learning, as that "Ego currit" was good Latin, but those in other sciences, as logic and natural philosophy, were defended by no less a person than William of Occham.[3] The theological aspect of the question was what troubled Peckham most, especially as the fundamental proposition maintained "quod in homine est tantummodo forma una, scilicet "anima rationalis," cut at the root both of the then generally received doctrine of the Eucharist and at the veneration of relics. Some indication of the curious deductions from this proposition will be found in the list of articles at page 922, maintained at a subsequent period by Clapwell. The matter was complicated by the fact that the supporters of these errors were Dominicans. The archbishop, being a Franciscan, was rather afraid of seeming to be moved by a desire to injure a rival order, and indeed this had already been hinted, so he carefully reminded the university that his predecessor, who had also condemned these opinions, was a Dominican himself. The prior of the Friars Preachers, however, was aggrieved, and misrepresented to his friends

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[1] Ann. Mon., iv. 309.

[2] Wood, Hist. of Univ. of Oxford, 306.

[3] Wood, i. 319; Wykes, Ann. Mon., iv. 298.

in Oxford a conversation had with the archbishop to such a degree that the latter was compelled in his own defence to write a letter to the university with a full account of the facts.[1] He declares that the prior himself disclaimed the principal error, about the unity of form, insinuating thereby that the prior is defending what he knows to be false, and he denies that he has consulted his brethren, or has any animus against the Dominicans. That he was not quite clear from such a feeling appears from his eager denial of the boast that the Dominicans have preserved the truth better than other orders, which he says can be easily disproved by comparison of books and men. It is not unlikely that this is the same friar who wrote an attack on him, "an accursed page, " an infamous leaf, whose beginning is headless, whose " middle malignant, whose end foolish and formless,"[2] and of which he complains with much bitterness and some incoherence. In both these letters Peckham refers to a personal detail of his own life, his defence of Thomas Aquinas[3] when accused of similar errors at Paris, thereby showing that he was not new to the question. Before the end of 1284 these opinions were condemned, and Peckham wrote a letter to the cardinals explaining the whole affair.

A year later, however, they were revived, at least the obnoxious articles about the unity of form and its corollaries, by one Richard Clapwell or Knapwell, also a Dominican. As he refused to appear when cited, sentence was pronounced in his absence, and the articles were condemned in the court of Arches,[4] but an appeal was made to the pope by the provincial of Clapwell's order, on the ground that no one but his holiness had jurisdiction over them. The sentence itself is not in the register, and Clapwell's name does not appear therein, but it will be found in the Annals

[1] No. dcxxii.

[2] p. 897.

[3] pp. 866, 899. *It is* Thomas Aquinas who is meant by the word "mortuum."

[4] No. dclxi.

of Dunstable, together with the articles,[1] which are not quite in the same form as those printed here.

Jurisdiction of the Chancellor of the Univ. of Oxford.

Another matter at Oxford also wanted settling. Oliver Sutton, bishop of Lincoln, had attempted to encroach upon the jurisdiction of the chancellor over clerks, in consequence of some contempt shown by the chancellor and proctors to his citation. According to Wood it was settled by the bishop that "whensoever he came to visit "Oxford and found any of the masters and scholars "and others belonging to the said university guilty of "faults belonging to the spiritual court, and particularly "of the vice of incontinency, he would refer the cog-"nizance and correction of them to the chancellor of "the university, lest the scholars who always abhorred "to be subject to their inferiors should be drawn from "the study of Oxford to other places."[2] This is not very clearly worded, or translated, but it does not appear to acknowledge the chancellor's jurisdiction as a right but only to allow it as a favour. This was in 1281, and in 1284 the bishop was again attempting to break down the old privileges of the university by citing before his court persons whose offences were cognizable by the chancellor. On 24 November 1284 Peckham wrote two letters to the bishop in favour of his alma mater, reminding him that Paris and other universities enjoyed the same privileges that Oxford claimed.

The university seem however to have increased their claims, and there is printed in Anstey's Munimenta Academica[3] a document which doubtless refers to this time. It is a formal declaration by the university that the following customs have been in use time out of mind. 1. That a scholar having a suit may bring his adversary before the chancellor. 2. The proving of

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[1] Ann. Mon., iii. 324.

[2] Antiq., i. 314.

[3] I. 41, and it is printed also in Wood's Antiquities, i. 315.

testaments of all scholars dying in the university belongs to the chancellor and proctors. 3. The regent masters have always had the right of judicial inquiry into excesses committed by scholars, and parish priests and laymen, if members of the university. 4. No master or scholar may be obliged to appear before any court but that of the chancellor. These customs the masters declare that they are bound to maintain. But Peckham refused to back them up entirely, on the ground that some of these customs were opposed to common law; and dissuaded them from omitting their lectures and scholastic acts as a protest, which indeed they did on a further controversy with the bishop in 1288.

This at least is what I take to be the meaning of *organa suspendatis*,[1] though Wood founds on these two words his remark "All which seemeth to me to be "about the setting up of organs in the university."

Rochester Cathedr al.

In the last preface[2] we had occasion to mention Peckham's interference with the election of John de Kyrkeby as bishop of Rochester, and the substitution of Thos. de Inglethorp. When elected bishop he treated the convent as badly as Bradefeld his predecessor had done, establishing officials in the priory, giving offices to the injury of the cathedral, and exacting the gift of St. Andrew extortionately; and Peckham was asked to mediate. There is no reference to this in the Register, but the scene, as told by Edmund de Hadenham,[3] is so characteristic that it would be a pity to pass it over without notice. "The archbishop therefore being asked said to the prior, "I will go down and see." The archbishop then going down to Rochester in the absence of the prior, the said bishop came to meet him. And going into the chapter of monks the archbishop preached

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[1] p. 887.
[2] Vol. ii. p. ci.
[3] Angl. Sac., i. 353.

to the assembly, and having finished his sermon, said to the monks, "We have not entered here as metro-" politan in prejudice of the bishop or the church, but " as patron of this church." And calling as a witness a certain justice then present, named Solomon de Roffa, that the king would not meddle with the matter, in default of a patron, he explained it openly to all. Afterwards, having dismissed the bishop and all others except the foresaid and those sworn to the archbishop, the monks too being separated from the officials, he examined them carefully upon the premises. And the examination being finished, the archbishop inclined rather to the evidence of the monks than to that of the officials. Then calling the bishop he said to him:— " From the evidence of trustworthy persons we have " gathered that you injure the church of Rochester, by " acting in this way against the will of the prior and " the chapter of seniors," the officials of course taking the bishop's part. Then said the archbishop to the bishop, "Sir, you do wrong." And the bishop to the archbishop, "My predecessors did so." And the archbishop, "By St. Francis, if an angel did this he would " do wrong; if your predecessors held this possession, " you ought not to disregard the title and the cause. " Because he goes far enough in sin who continues " another's injury and error." And so the bishop withdrew and began to cleave to wiser counsels."

Injunctions to monasteries.

Several other cathedrals and monasteries were visited and injunctions laid on them. These are much on the same lines as those in the former volumes, regulating expenses, appointing treasurers, and enforcing a stricter observance of the rule. At Llanthony[1] we may judge that the prior was unusually severe, as it was necessary to enumerate the offences which might be punished by imprisonment. These are specified as theft, unchastity, assault, conspiracy, mutiny, contumacious disobedience, *i.e.*, disobedience for a whole day to an order to

[1] p. 802.

do something useful and honorable, and apostacy. And the punishment is only to be inflicted when the crime is notorious or proved in chapter. Care must be taken that the prison is sufficiently supplied with air. For smaller offences, such as breach of silence, laughing, lateness at divine service, detraction, lying, leaving the cloister without licence, eating and drinking too much, and such venial sins, a scale of punishment was assigned as follows: — Loss of pittance or condiments, water drinking, sitting last at table and in chapter and choir, sitting on the floor at meals, corporal chastisement in the chapter house, and last of all lying at the chapter house door for the convent to walk over. In injunctions to nunneries, as at Godstow,[1] the only penalties mentioned are deprival of pittance, and a meal of bread and water for disobedience. At the same house the shortened service[2] sanctioned by the Abingdon chapter, was forbidden, and also fanciful changes and additions, without due licence. The neighbourhood of a university town was a danger, and to prevent possible scandal, scholars who walked out to the nunnery in the afternoon were not allowed to talk to any nun without special leave, and a knowledge that they were related at least in the third degree of consanguinity. Dress was also regulated, and the habit of the nuns calling each other lady or mistress (*domina*) was declared ridiculous. At another nunnery, Romsey, in Hampshire, a certain canon had caused suspicion by a habit of going into the cloister and talking with women in the church, and the abbess was therefore ordered to forbid his entering either cloister or church. In two monasteries, Luffield and Eynsham, a "quondam" head was causing trouble. It must have been hard for such persons to return to the discipline of the convent, and indeed it was scarcely expected. It may be inferred that the ordinary custom was to allow an

Nunneries.

Romsey Abbey.

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[1] The injunctions for Godstow, printed at p. 845, though dateless, are on a page headed "mcclxxix."

[2] *See* vol. ii., preface lxviii.

abbot or prior, on his retirement, a chamber and a servant, with a certain sum for pocket money (100*s.* a year at Eynsham, with four loaves of bread and four jugs of beer a day). At Luffield this privilege had been abused, and the late prior was compelled to resign his private room, which had been part of the infirmary, and live with his brethren in the dormitory and refectory, with a threat of imprisonment if he did not mend his ways.

In most English houses what disorder there was originated in a spirit of independence and a dislike to endure strict rule from one who was usually elected from among themselves. But at Lewes the case was different. This was a Cluniac house founded by William de Warren, earl of Surrey, husband of the Lady Gundrada, who is said to have been a daughter of the Conqueror. Like other houses of the order, it was subject to the mother house of Clugni, whose abbot nominated its prior, received the profession of its novices, and generally ruled it. A French abbot naturally nominated a Frenchman, who cared but little for the country he was sent to live in, and a vacancy happening in 1285, Peckham wrote a strong letter[1] to the abbot of Clugny on the subject, urging the duty of appointing an Englishman as prior, and the importance from a selfish point of view of doing something to please their founder and his countrymen. The injury to the country of this foreign rule may be seen by what Peckham says, that during his whole life he has scarcely ever seen a parson presented by the convent of Lewes to a benefice on conscientious grounds. Lewes escaped when other alien priories fell, but only because their subjection to a foreign power was removed in the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II.[2] Pembroke priory was also an alien house, a cell to the abbey of Séez, and the system worked as badly in Wales as at Lewes and Arundel.[3] Ralph the prior was

Lewes.

[1] No. dcxlvi.

[2] Tanner, Not. Mon., xcv.

[3] *See* vol. ii., lxxxv.

such a bad character that the archbishop, stretching his authority a little, sent him home to Normandy in a most peremptory fashion, with orders not to come back for ten years. Let us hope his successor was a better man. The dispute with the abbey of Fécamp is continued in this volume. The abbot obtained power from the pope to summon the archbishop to France, which of course he refused to obey, as contrary to the privileges of the see, and exposed the flimsiness of the pretext that the abbot could not get justice in England by asserting that the monk of Fécamp whom he had excommunicated had procured letters from the king to the sheriff authorising people to trade with him in spite of the sentence. Soon after this the abbot died, and six months later Peckham wrote to Lambert de Moygnet that he had heard nothing more of it, but in case of its turning up, gave him minute directions for answering the citation.

Fécamp.

Christ church, Canterbury.

For some years the discipline at Christchurch had been in a very bad state,[1] and some of the obedientiaries had been guilty of

"Converting public trusts
"To very private uses,"

and thus incurred the penalty of excommunication. The convent indeed was almost in a state of mutiny. In order to escape from claustral discipline, the monks were in the habit of staying at the convent manors, on the pretext of looking after the tenants, and while there ventured to keep purses of their own and live like ordinary men of the world. At the last election of a prior, the convent had forced Ringmer to take an oath which hampered his action as a reformer. When the archbishop tried to put down these abuses, some of the monks, "certain sons of Belial," tried to make a bargain and drew up articles on which they insisted for a time,

[1] No. cccxviii.

But the majority was too strong. They were obliged to renounce them, and the paper was publicly burnt by the archbishop.[1] Some monks who were opposed to the prior fled, but were recaptured about the end of 1284. The king, why we know not, was angry about this,[2] and it is a likely conjecture that Ralph de Adesham and his fellow monks who were emprisoned by the royal officers, were the capturers of the fugitive John de Schameleford.[3]

Peace was, however, not really restored, and on 17 March 1285, Ringemere resigned, much against the archbishop's will. To escape from the scene of his troubles he assumed the white habit of a Cistercian and went to Beaulieu Abbey, in spite of the excommunication of the archbishop, who had forbidden such a change of order.[4] The sentence was not relaxed till six years after.[5] Immediately on hearing of the vacancy, the escheator Henry de Bray, the most iniquitous of all the king's officers who suffered for their extortion in 1289,[6] seized the priory and its possessions, a new claim never heretofore set up by the crown. Two monks were straightway posted off to the king in Norfolk, who, hearing their complaint, ordered his escheator to restore what he had seized until parliament met at Whitsuntide, when the treasurer and barons of the exchequer would certify him as to his rights. By this time Henry of Eastry, whose name is associated with much of the most beautiful work in the interior of the Cathedral, was elected prior. He sent his attorneys to the parliament, and when the more important public business had been transacted, the case was heard. First of all the certificate from the exchequer was read. The barons had examined the pipe rolls and found that in the 13th and 14th years of king John, both the archbishopric and the

[1] No. cccclxxxix.
[2] No. dcxxix.
[3] No. dcxxx.
[4] No. dclviii.
[5] No. dccxiv.
[6] Chr. of Dunstaple, Ann. Mon. iii. 357; Wikes, Ann. Mon. iv. 321.

priory were in the king's hands, but on no other occasion either in his reign or that of Henry III. The prior's advocates at once pleaded that neither the see nor the priory of Canterbury was vacant at the time referred to, and that John's seizure was not lawful, but an act of violence. This argument convinced the king, who verbally declared his intention to restore the priory, and directed a writ to that effect to be issued to Bray. The account of this case is preserved among the archives of the dean and chapter of Canterbury,[1] and there is a copy of it in the British Museum.[2] As a report of a suit argued before and decided by the king in person, I have thought it worth printing in full.

Memorandum quod Anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII regni vero regis E[dwardi] filii regis H[enrici] XIII in vigilia Palmarum quæ tunc fuit XVI., kal. Aprilis, dominus Thomas de Ryngemere, qui tunc fuit prior ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ, resignavit prioratum, et habitum nigrum exuens, habitum album Cisterciensem induit apud Bellum Locum Regis in diœcese Wynton.' Hoc audito Magister Henricus de Bray, tunc escaetor domini regis citra Trentam, statim totum prioratum cepit in manum domini regis, dicens custodiam prioratus ad ipsum regem pertinere prioratu vacante, quod nunquam prius oculus vidit nec auris audivit. Hiis auditis, Supprior et capitulum statim duos fratres ad dominum regem tunc in Northfolk' existentem transmiserunt pro remedio impetrando. Expositoque coram domino rege dicto negotio, dominus Rex totum prioratum cum omnibus inde perceptis eis deliberavit usque ad proximum parliamentum suum London', in festo Pentecostes proxime sequenti. Interim vero dominus Rex mandavit thesaurariis et baronibus de Scaccario quod certificarent ipsum et consilium suum ad dictum parliamentum de jure suo si quod haberet in custodia prædicta. Deinde in quindena Pasche sequenti creatus fuit novus prior, videlicet, Henricus de Eastria, qui postea ad dictum parliamentum pro eodem negotio accessit et attornatos constituit coram rege ad dictum negotium prosequendum. Tandem in fine parliamenti dominus rex prædictos

[1] C. 1274.

[2] Cleopatra, C. vii., f. 15 b.

attornatos coram ipso fecit vocari, et coram toto consilio certificatorium Thesaurarii et baronum de Scaccario fecit recitari sub tenore præsentium. "Scrutatis rotulis de Scac-
" cario de tempore Regis Johannis compertum est in rotu-
" lis de annis ejusdem Regis XIII et XIIII quod tempore
" quo archiepiscopatus Cant' fuit in custodia Regis, fuit
" etiam prioratus Cant' similiter in [custodia][1] domini regis.
" Scrutatis etiam aliis rotulis de tempore prædicti Regis
" Johannis et etiam de tempore Regis Henrici filii sui, non
" invenitur quod prædictus prioratus nec post nec ante
" fuit in custodia sua." Prædicti vero attornati ad istud certificatorium respondebant in forma sequenti. "Domine
" Rex, tempore in prædicto certificatorio contento archiepis-
" copus et conventus Cant' fuerunt in exilio et tunc dominus
" J[ohannes] Rex avus vester occupavit totum Archiepiscopatum
" et prioratum non de jure custodiæ, quia non de jure vacabant,
" sed animo turbatus et contra ipsos ad iracundiam provocatus.
" Et hoc apparuit manifeste imposterum quia idem dominus
" rex omnia ablata tam archiepiscopo quam conventu
" plenarie restitui præcepit." Dominus vero Rex habita deliberatione cum consilio suo super hujusmodi responsione attornatorum prædictorum ore proprio eis finaliter respondebat in hæc verba. "Nos restituimus conventui totum
" prioratum cum omnibus inde perceptis nec volumus quod
" escaetor noster de cetero aliquid se inde intromittat in
" vacationibus Prioratus." Et super hoc præcepit fieri tale breve:—Edwardus Dei gratia, etc., dilecto clerico suo Magistro Henrico de Bray escaetori suo citra Trentam, salutem. Quia pro certo intelleximus quod custodia prioratus Sancte Trinitatis Cant.' in ejusdem vacationibus hactenus ad nos vel progenitores nostros Reges Angliæ pertinere non consuevit, vobis mandamus quod omnes exitus quos de custodia prioratus prædicti in ultima vacatione ejusdem cepistis ad opus nostrum, priori et conventui ejusdem loci sine dilatione deliberetis et vos de prioratu prædicto ratione vacationis ejusdem de cetero non intromittatis. Teste me ipso [apud] Westm. primo die Junii anno regni nostri XIII. Per ipsum Regem et Consilium suum. Prædictum vero breve registratur in rotulo Registri Cancellarii de literis

[1] Indistinct.

clausis, de anno regni regis E[dwardi] filii Regis H[enrici] tertiodecimo.

Consecration of the bishop of Salisbury.

Almost immediately after Eastry's succession there was another conflict between the archbishop and the priory, not this time about internal discipline, but legal rights. From time immemorial the ceremony of consecrating bishops of the province of Canterbury had been celebrated in the cathedral, and the convent claimed that the rule must not be infringed without their consent. When, therefore, Walter Scamel, dean of Salisbury, was elected to fill that see, and the archbishop, who was in the west, issued a citation to the bishops to attend at Sonning to consecrate him,[1] the prior protested against the alleged attempt to prejudice their privileges. The archbishop replied that a deviation from the ordinary rule was allowable in cases of necessity, and he could not defer the consecration until he had concluded his visitation. The ceremony was accordingly performed on Oct. 22, 1284, in spite of the protest. The prior immediately appealed to Rome; but to save litigation, the king persuaded both parties to submit to the arbitration of Richard de Ferringes, archdeacon of Canterbury, afterwards archbishop of Dublin, and Geoffrey de S. Leofard, official of the court of Canterbury, and treasurer of Chichester, to which see he afterwards succeeded. The result of the arbitration was that the appellants renounced their protest against Scamel's confirmation, without giving up what they claimed as their right, and the newly confirmed bishop gave them a formal assurance that he had no intention of infringing their rights, and that what had happened should not prejudice them in the future. There are copies of the appeal and protest and other documents

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[1] p. 1,026.

referring thereto at Canterbury cathedral,[1] as well as in the archbishop's register.

While searching among the archives of Canterbury cathedral, I came across a document which recites a letter from Peckham, written towards the close of his life, which is not entered in the Register, but is quite worthy of notice here. Canterbury school.

The master of the school in Canterbury claimed the right of excommunicating rebellious scholars, and in 1311 John Everard, then master, had occasion to use this power against Thos. de Birtwode, who assaulted the vicemonitor when attempting to correct him, and against Richard de Aula for resisting the usher (*ostiarius*). He desired the dean to publish the excommunication, who refused. In support of his claim he produced a document from Peckham.[2]

Frater Johannes, permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilecto filio Magistro Scolarum Civitatis Cantuar' salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Ut in causis scolarum et scolarium vestrorum cognoscere et jurisdictionem exercere libere valeatis, prout fieri consuevit ab antiquo, vobis cum canonicæ cohercionis potestate licenciam concedimus specialem. Datum apud Wyngham xii., kal. Aprilis A.D. MCC. nonagesimo primo.

The question arose what *prout fieri consuevit ab antiquo* meant, and it was proved by witnesses that for 40 years the master had been wont to summon delinquent scholars by his usher to appear and be punished, and if they refused to appear, he suspended and excommunicated them, entrusting the sentences of suspension and excommunication to the dean of Canterbury to be executed.

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[1] D. and C. of Cant., C. 129, S. B. 231, x. 2.

[2] D. and C. of Cant. S. B., 19, 20.

The Franciscans.

The book which Peckham wrote in the defence of his order against William of St. Amour was probably written before he became archbishop, perhaps when he was living in France, but the unpopularity of the friars among the clergy had extended to England, and he was obliged to defend them by authority if not by argument. They are accused by one of our chroniclers [1] of gaining a temporary shelter on the lands of an abbey, just to rest before their sermon next day; and then, hastily building a wooden altar and covering it with the consecrated stone they carried, they celebrated mass, and it was impossible to eject them. He complains too of their poaching upon the preserves of the parish priests by hearing the confessions of those who were ashamed to confess to the parson whom they saw every day, or who scorned to do so because he was as vicious as themselves or were afraid of his blabbing their secrets when drunk. The clergy of England, both in the Midland counties [2] and in London,[3] attempted to stop this abuse as they considered it, and asserted that it was an unlawful interference with their rights. In this they were technically wrong, for pope Martin IV. a few years before (1282) [4] had confirmed to the minister-general and the provincials the power of committing to "friars of the said order learned "in the Holy Scripture, examined and approved by you, "the office of preaching, of hearing confessions and "absolving penitents and injoining on them a salutary "penance," with a strict prohibition of any interference.[5] The pope, however, stipulated that the faithful must confess to their parish priest once a year. But this was not observed, or at least became a mere form, for the theological faculty at the university of Paris in the same year gave it as their opinion that no one was bound to

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[1] Matthew Paris, iii. 333 (Rolls Ed.).

[2] Nos. dcxxxi., dclxxxix.

[3] No. dcxcii.

[4] 4 Id. Jan., Pont. i.

[5] Wadding, Annales Minorum, v. 479.

confess the same sins specifically to two persons. This would be, says Peckham, to straiten the way of eternal life which the Holy Father intended by this privilege to widen.

This opinion was circulated by Peckham, with explanatory remarks, applying the principle stated to the case of the Franciscans and Dominicans.[1]

At Coventry the friars had fallen under the displeasure of the prior and chapter, who refused to allow owners of land to grant them sufficient to enlarge their house. The site of the house was close to Cheylesmore park, most of the manor of Coventry belonging to the cathedral. The original church was rebuilt about 1360, and this was all pulled down at the dissolution and since, except the steeple, to which a modern church called Christ church has been added. The primate's interference on their behalf with the Carmelites[2] was successful, for, according to Dugdale,[3] the latter did not effect a settlement in the city till sixty years later. Their house, which at the dissolution passed into the hands of Sir Ralph Sadler and then of the Hales family, was bought by the guardians of the poor in 1801, and is now a House of Industry. There is an engraving of it in the History and Antiquities of Coventry, 1810.

At Oxford the friars were in trouble from their proselytizing tendency. They received members of other orders without scruple, just as was done in France and Italy where the mendicant orders were more popular and more powerful than here. But in England this was resented, especially as the friars claimed as apostates anyone who left their order for another.[4] The prior of the Austin canons at Oxford in such a case had recourse

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[1] No. dcxxxii.

[2] No. dclxxxiii.

[3] Warwicksh, i. 186.

[4] No. dcxviii See also the case of W. de Persore, pp. 971 *et seq.*, which is referred to by Mr. Howlett in Monumenta Franciscana li. xiv. There are some documents referring to him at Westminster Abbey mentioned in the Fourth Report of the Hist. MSS. Commission, p. 178.

to the weapon of excommunication, but as the ruler of the church was on the side of his opponents, the thunder was harmless.[1]

The letter about the friars of Reading changing the site of their house, which was referred to in the preface to the last volume, will be found printed at p. 911.

Murder at St. Mary le Bow.

As we saw in previous volumes, Peckham jealously watched over any encroachment of his rights on the part of the temporal power, and was especially careful not to allow clerks to be tried by secular judges. We find him interfering in this way in the case of a murder which shocked the city of London even in that age of violence.[2] More than one chronicler[3] mentions it, but we cannot do better than borrow the graphic words of Mr. Loftie, the historian of London, to describe the deed.

"Laurence Duket was one day in the market-place, near the great church of St. Mary-le-Bow, and unfortunately fell in with an acquaintance, a clerk named Ralph Crepyn. They quarrelled about a lady with whom Crepyn had very tender relations. Alice atte Bowe, to judge from her name, lived near the church; and when her dear Ralph was brought home to her on a stretcher, badly wounded, she vowed vengeance on Laurence Duket, who had assaulted him.

"Laurence, knowing he was in greater danger from the anger of the woman than if the sheriffs themselves were in search of him, fled to the church and concealed himself in the steeple. But Alice, living close by, had either seen him or heard that he had been seen to hide himself; and she determined, notwithstanding the sacred character of the building, to have him murdered in it. To this end she assembled a number of ruffians in the dead of night, and arranged with them to do the

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[1] No. dcvii.

[2] Nos. dci., dcii.

[3] Aungiers French Chronicle, 19. Annals of Dunstable, Ann. Mon. iii. 314.

deed in such a way that detection seemed impossible. Acting on her instructions they stealthily entered the church, found the unhappy Laurence, strangled him, tied the cord to the mullion of one of the windows, and retired as stealthily as they had come.

"Next morning, of course, information of a shocking discovery in St. Mary's was brought to the sheriffs, who held a hurried inquest on the body. One of the sheriffs was apparently among the friends of Alice atte Bow; and, no doubt, he hastened the verdict of *felo de se*, which was presently returned. The body of the murdered man was therefore dragged by the heels through the streets, and thrown into the ditch outside the city wall.

"But the fact was that when Laurence Duket took refuge in the church, he was not alone. A little boy—perhaps a street beggar, perhaps one of his own family, an apprentice or servant, for he was a man of substance—had accompanied him into the sanctuary, and remained with him in the dark church. We can picture to ourselves the poor little fellow shivering behind the tall tomb of some civic dignitary, while he listened to the tread of muffled feet on the marble pavement, and the whispered council of the murderers, and can realize his horror when, with the dawn of day, he saw the stark, stiff corpse hanging to the window-sill between him and the light. No wonder he fled in terror and was not forthcoming at the inquest.

"But his story soon became known down by the river in Duket's old home. All London was stirred; numerous arrests were made. The whole truth gradually came out.[1] The boy's evidence was fully confirmed, and no fewer than sixteen persons were condemned either as principals or accessories, while the sheriff, Jordan, whose place of residence or business is suffi-

[1] The mayor and others were ordered to collect evidence by a Royal writ, dated Caernarvon 20th August.

ciently indicated by his surname, Godcheap or Goodcheap, was removed from office. The body of Laurence Duket was found and brought back, and honourably interred in the church-yard; but the church itself was closed for a time under interdict, and the doors and windows filled up with thorns. The lady who was at the bottom of all this mischief underwent the terrible penalty annexed to murder by a female, and was burnt to death in the market-place, while seven of her accomplices were hanged in the cruel fashion then in vogue. They appear, for the most part, by their names to have belonged to respectable city families. Ralph Crepyn himself, with two other clerks and the sheriff, remained long in prison, but were at length released on payment of fines, or, as the chronicler describes the transaction, were 'hanged by the purse.'"[1]

It will be noticed that during the later years of Peckham's life the entries in the Register are very scanty. The record of the ordinations held by the archbishop is continued nearly to his death, but the "Procuratoria et Commissiones" stop at 1284, and the "Literæ Communes" go no further down than 1285. It is highly probable that these two classes were continued in another volume, which has been lost. The letter to Edward I. of 12 July 1292, for instance, is not in the Register, though quite important enough to be entered. The few letters which are extant for the later period are interspersed among the ordinations in an irregular way.

One of the latest documents of a personal nature is the licence to the bishop of Hereford to confer orders at Wye in March 1292, in place of the archbishop, whose health, both bodily and mental[2] gave way some time

[1] Loftie's History of London, vol. i., pp. 93–95.

[2] Sapientia ante obitum fuit totaliter devorata. Matth. Westm., p. 386.

before his death. In September this event was so soon expected that prior Henry of Eastry wrote him a letter to remind him that he had promised to be buried in the cathedral and had chosen a place of rest there. All his predecessors, said the prior, reposed in the cathedral, and it would be a great scandal and a bad precedent, if he did not do the like.[1]

Peckham's death and burial.

The event happened at Mortlake in the beginning of December 1292, probably on the 8th. The date given in Hardy's Le Neve from Eastry's Register cannot be right, for 6. id Dec. cannot be before S. Nicholas day, which is on the 6th; *ante* is probably a mistake for *post*[2] I cannot discover where this Register is now. It is not at Canterbury. In Galba E. IV., which is also a Register of prior Eastry, there is no such passage, but there are two memoranda to this effect. In a list of archbishops on f. 2 "Frater Johannes de Pecham, xiii., annos, xlv septimanas v. dies," and on f. 26 "Post Johannem vacabat "a vi., Idus Dec anno Regis Edwardi xxi. usque ad viii "Idus Septembris anno ejusdem xxii." William Dene as quoted by Wharton[3] gives 8. id. Dec., and the Annals of Worcester differ from both.[4] The obituary and Martyrology of the Cathedral places the day on 6 id. Dec.,[5] as does the Register quoted by Wharton,[6] and the balance of evidence is certainly in favour of that day.

As to the disposal of the archbishop's body the Prior had his wish. The archbishop was buried on the 19th December in the north cross aisle, near the spot where his predecessor Becket was murdered. Weever[7] expresses

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[1] Wilkins, ii. 184.

[2] vi. Id. Dec., viz. die Lune prox. ante festum B. Nicolai, 1292. Reg. Hen. Prioris Cantuar. Hardy's Le Neve, i. 14.

[3] Anglia Sacra, i. 793.

[4] Crastino Nicolai, which is Dec. 7. Anglia Sacra. 514.

[5] Anglia Sacra, 58.

[6] Obiit apud Mortlake. 6 id. Dec. anno 1292. Sepultus 14 cal. Jan. in ecclesia sua in parte aquilonari juxta locum Martyrii B. Thome Martyris. Anglia Sacra i. 117.

[7] Funeral monuments, 220.

a doubt as to where his grave is, and Hasted[1] says that some have doubted whether the tomb commonly ascribed to him is really his. There is however no doubt about the identity of Warham's tomb, which is next to the one in question, and Leland[1] mentions "Pecham and Wareham" together in such way as to show that he thought they lay side by side. The doubt is probably later than Leland's time and originated thus: Archbishop Parker says that John Ufford was buried "ad parietem aquilon-" arem juxta murum Thomæ Becket," and this induced some one to hang a table with Ufford's name on this tomb. But as Ufford was buried *sine archiepiscopali magnificentia,* such a handsome tomb cannot be his. The style of architecture also is too early for 1349. The position of the tomb agrees also with the passage quoted above from the Christchurch Register.

The tomb, which is of grey or Sussex marble, is surmounted by a canopy, an advanced and rather florid specimen of Decorated work. The remains of gilding and colour are still clearly to be seen on the foliage. On the face of the tomb are nine niches containing figures, probably archbishops, and there are three similar niches on each shaft, one of which, the eastern, has been covered over by the masonry of Archbishop Warham's monument. On the tomb is an oak figure, in fairly good preservation; the nose indeed is broken, and the mitre, which tradition says was of silver, is gone. The figure is not fixed, and it has been suggested that it did not originally belong to this tomb, but was placed occasionally over the grave of any deceased archbishop immediately after his interment and remained there till his monument was ready. Whether this was so, I know not, but the face appears to be rather individual than conventional. It bears some resemblance in features to the figure on the archbishop's seal, of which there is a good specimen among the archives in the cathedral.[4]

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[1] Canterbury, i. 400.
[2] Itinerary, vi. 4.
[3] De Antig. Brit. Eccl., p. 362.
[4] C. 291.

On this seal, which is of green wax, the archbishop is represented in the act of benediction, wearing a chasuble, pallium, and dalmatic, and on his head a low mitre. He bears a cross in his right hand, with a vexillum attached to it. On each side is a lily. The inscription, which consists of his name and title, is mutilated. The counterseal is the martyrdom of Becket, with the motto: —Abdita nō prome que signat passio Thome.

There are engravings of the monument in Parker's De Antiquitate Britannicæ Ecclesiæ and Dart's History and Antiquities of the Cathedral Church of Canterbury, the latter of which was published in 1726. Both are apparently from the same plate. The tomb is represented as uninjured and the effigy with the mitre on, but this is probably only a restoration of the artist's, and no evidence that it was so in his time. It may be noticed that the side next Warham's tomb is complete, while in the engraving of Warham's tomb, the fragment of Peckham's is drawn as it now appears. The eastern pilaster still remains behind Warham's tomb, and the figures stand in their niches. There are more recent engravings in Blore's Monumental Remains of Noble and Eminent Persons, 1826, and in Britton's Cathedral Antiquities, vol. i., pl. xviii. The tomb must have been expensive, and funeral magnificent, for archbishop Parker tells us that Peckham left 5,305*l.* 17*s.* 2¼*d.*, and when his executors rendered their accounts, which was not done till after the death of archbishop Reynolds, 5*s.* 6*d.* was all the surplus they could show.

According to Weever, Funeral Mon. 221, his heart was buried in Christchurch, London, behind the high altar. He quotes as authority a Cottonian MS., but gives no reference.

Another great friar had already died this year, Pope Nicolas IV., Jerome of Ascoli. On his election in 1288 the friars had congratulated themselves on the prospects of their order, saying that both the sun (the pope) and the moon (the archbishop), wore their habit. The

chronicler of Worcester cathedral in noticing the archbishop's death gives the following verses referring to the above saying :—

Sol obscuratur, sub terra Luna moratur,
Ordo turbatur, Stellarum lux hebetatur.

Peckham's writings.

And now having given a sketch of the archbishop's life, we will turn to his writings. The list given by Pits and Tanner is a long one, and includes books on theology and on science, and a few poems, all of which are of a religious character. As I have not been able to discover copies of all the works mentioned by these biographers, I have thought it advisable to reprint their list before describing those books which I have seen, in the hope that they may be identified among the anonymous MSS. in college and other libraries. Those found are marked with an *.

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Locorum ex Utroque Testamento. Lib. I.

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In Threnos Hieremiæ. Lib. I. "Tempus plangendi."

Super Magistrum Sententiarum Lib. IV.*

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De Decem Præceptis. Lib. I. "Duo sunt mandata dei præcipua."

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Quæstiones de Eucharistia. Lib. I.

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Speculum Animæ. Lib. I. "Audi Domine et vide et inclina."

Postilla super Marcum. Lib. I.

De Trinitate. Lib. I.*

Meditatio de Corpore Christi. Lib. I.*

De Passione Domini. Lib. I. "Pullus aquilæ sanguinem lambit."

Psalterium Meditationum Beatæ Mariæ.* Lib. I. "Mente concipio laudes."

Quæstiones Ordinariæ. Lib. I. "Utrum theologia ex duobus compos."

Sermones Dominicales XXV. Lib. I. "Honeste ambuletis sicut in die."

Collationes de omnibus Dominicis per Annum.* Lib. I.

Officium S. Trinitatis. Lib. I.*

De ratione diei Dominicæ. Lib. I. "Ecce charissime singulis festis."

De Vanitate Rerum Mundanarum. Lib. I. "Non is utique liber inutilis erit."

De Vanitate Seculi. Lib. I.

De Peccatis Capitalibus. Lib. I. "Quæstio est de peccatis capitalibus."

Lecturæ Oxonienses. Lib. I.

Quodlibeta Scholastica. Lib. I.* "Utrum Deus prædestinatum ab eterno." "(T. Quesita sunt de Deo plura.")

Contra Insipientem. Lib. I. "Perfectus omnis erit si sit sicut."

De Perfectione Evangelica.* Lib. I. "Quis dabit capiti meo aquam." (Styled "De Paupertate," by Tanner.)

Statuta Synodalia et Constitutiones.*

Expositiones in Constitutiones Ottonis et Ottoboni.

De Confessione Fratribus facta. Lib. I. "Tandem quæ sunt fratri.

Super Confessionibus Fratrum. Lib I. "Novella quæstio quæ nobis."

Tractatum Pauperis.* Lib. I.

Dialogum Francisci et Paupertatis. Lib. I. "Inter ceteras præclar.

Pro S. Bonaventura. Lib. I.

De Mysteriis Minorum ("Mysterio" T.). Lib. I.

De Eorum Paupertate. Lib. I.

Contra Richardum Clapoellum. Lib. I.
Contra Priorem Cisterciensium. Lib. I. "Super tribus sceleribus et quat."
Epistolarum ad Oxonienses, Lib. I.
Itinerarium Suum. Lib. I. (Same as Canticum Pauperis (?)).
Hæreseon a se Damnatarum,* Lib. I.
Carminum Diversorum,* Lib. I.
Apologeticon. Lib. I.
Apologia Synodalium Statutorum. Lib. I.
De Sphæra. Lib. I. "Corporum Mundanorum principalium."
Disceptationes Thomæ et Peccami. Lib. I. This is Questiones Quodlibeticæ.
De numeris tractatus.* "Quia (omnia) Domine."
De Mystica Interpretatione Numerorum in Sacra Scriptura. Lib. I. (This must be the same as the preceding.)
Expositio Regulæ S. Francisci.*
Canticum Pauperum.* "Confitebor tibi."
Perspectiva Communis.* Lib. III.
Perspectiva Particularis. Lib. I. "Perspectiva cum sit una de scientiis."
Notabilia Metaphysices. Lib. I. "Uno modo dicitur quod non habet."
Mathematica Rudimenta.* Lib. I. "Scripsi dudum rogatus a sociis. (This is the beginning of one MS. of the Perspectiva Communis.)
Theorica Planetarum.* Lib. I.

The books which are now extant are as follows, beginning with those on science:—

Perspectiva Communis.

"Prospectiva communis domini Johannis Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, . . Fratris ordinis minorum, dicti psau ℣ ad unguem castigata per eximium artium et medicine ac juris utriusque doctorem ac mathematicum peritissimum D. Facium Cardanum Mediolanensem in venerabili colegio juris peritorum Mediolani residentem."

Gothic letter without title page or pagination. Signatures a—e. [Milan. 1482]. Fol.

The subject of the treatise is not what is now called perspective, that is the art of representing objects on a flat surface, so as to preserve the appearance of distance, but it is principally concerned with elementary propositions of optics, such as the incidence of rays of light, reflexion and refraction, the non-existence of colour without light, the construction of the eye, the appearance of objects at a distance (viz., spheres as planes, and squares as oblongs); and spherical, cylindrical, and concave mirrors, whose property of conveying heat is described. The work is divided into three parts, of which in the later editions the first two are thus entitled, "De iis quæ objiciuntur visu," "De radiorum visibilium reflexione et eorundem effectibus." The third treats of the stars, the rainbow, and the milky way. Many of the propositions are the same as those which are used as texts in the *De Oculo Morali.* This edition is illustrated with diagrams, and preceded by a dedicatory letter from Cardanus to Ambrosius Griffus, doctor of arts and medicine, apostolic prothonotary, *nec non equiti Aurato et comiti palatino.*

The printing is carelessly done, and copies vary considerably. For instance the word *curialiter*[1] is *ruraliter* in one copy, *tutaliter* in others.

Book I. contains 84 chapters. Book II. contains 56 chapters, and Book III. contains 22 chapters.

Incip.—Inter philosophicæ considerationis studia.

Expl.—Potest apparere.

"Jo. Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis Perspectiva Communis per L. Gauricum Neapolitanum emendata."

Printed at Venice by J. Baptist Sessa, cal. Jun. 1504. fol. signatures a--e.

In this edition there are new figures, with explanatory words added. The editor, writing from Padua,

[1] Lib. iii., Prop. 20.

dedicates his work to Paulo Trivisano, a Venetian noble. The title page has a woodcut of a laurel crowned, bearded philosopher in his study with attendant scribes. At the end is a list of errata, and an epigram to Gauricus by Donatus Zerbus. There are copies in the British Museum, the Bodleian, and the University Library at Cambridge.

"Jo. Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis Perspectiva Communis per L. Gauricum Neapolitanum."

Printed, according to the British Museum catalogue, at Venice in 1505. It is inferior to the last described copy. Though possessing the title page with the woodcut, there is no dedicatory letter. The printing is closer, and not so ornamental. There are misprints in it which do not occur in the other Venetian copy, as "Diversitatem oculorum iridis" for "colorum," and one would therefore have imagined it to be earlier.

"Perspectiva Joannis Pisani Anglici viri religiosi vulgo communis appellata rationes visus in radiationibus ac lineis visualibus, atque speculares formas imagines ideasque visivas, necnon reverberationes, refractiones linearum physicalium ad unguem usque declarans. In florentissimo gymnasio Lipczensi emendata atque in figuris quam diligentissime rectificata. Impressa arte et sollertia Baccalarii Martini Herbipolensis Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto vigesima septima mensis Junii."

The editor was Andreas Alexander, master of arts at Leipsic, who in a short preface states that he has prepared it for the use of students, having been appointed by the council of the faculty of arts to lecture first on Euclid, and then on perspective, music, and other kindred sciences.

The diagrams have explanatory words on them in current hand. There is no pagination.

"Perspectiva communis. Ideo sic dicta quod contineat elementa τῆς ὀπτικῆς, omnibus philosophiæ studiosis ne-

cessaria. In hac enim doctrina inchoatæ disputationes philosophorum, de natura, et proiectione radiorum visus, luminum, colorum et formarum absolvuntur. In quibus et de speculis tractatur.

Summa cura et diligentia emendata, et ab infinitis quibus scatebat mendis repurgata, necnon in quibus deficiebat demonstrationibus restituta. Per Georgium Hartmannum Norimbergensem.

Norimbergæ apud Johan. Petreium, Anno MDXLII. Without pagination, 4°.

The editor dedicates his work to "Nobili et generoso "domino Johanni Tscherte, Serenissimæ Ro. Regis "Architecto," as one skilled in the science of which the book treats. He intends to bring out a book *De Umbris* and exhorts his patron to publish a book by Stiborius on the same subject. The author is spoken of as "Johannes "Pisanus, olim episcopus Cameracensis," and Hartmann evidently knew nothing about him. The whole of the text is carefully corrected, the order of words altered to make the sense clearer, and in some cases the words themselves.

Incip:—Inter Physicæ considerationis.

"Joannis Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis. Perspectivæ communis Libri Tres. Jam postremo correcti et figuris illustrati. Coloniæ Agrippinæ. Apud Hæredes Arnoldi Birckmanni. Anno MDLXXX."

Hartmann's text. The propositions printed in Roman, the proofs in italic type.

There are copies in the British Museum and Bodleian Libraries.

"Joannis Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, Perspectivæ Communis Libri tres. Jam Postremo correcti ac figuris illustrati. Coloniæ. In officina Birckmannica. Sumptibus Arnoldi Mylii. Anno MDXCII." 4°.

Similar to the preceding.

There are copies in the British Museum and Bodleian Libraries, and two in the University Library at Cam-

bridge, and another of a later edition dated 1627, with a similar title page.

In the next year an Italian translation was published with the following title :—

"I Tre Libri della Perspettiva commune dell' illustriss. et Reverendiss. Monsig. Gioanni Archivescovo Cantuariense. Nuovamente tradotti nella lingua Italiana et accresciuti di figure et annotationi da Gio. Paolo Gallucci Salodiano, al molto illustre Sig. Gio. Battista Cucina Secretario Apostolico dignissimo. Con Privilegio. In Venetia. Appresso gli Heredi di Giovanni Varisco. MDXCIII." 4°.

There are copies in the British Museum and Bodleian Libraries.

There are two manuscripts of this book in the British Museum :—

Add. MS. 17,368 (f. 52), is imperfect, containing only the first fifty-five chapters. It was written probably about the beginning of the fifteenth century, in a small much-contracted hand, by no means easy to read. It is illustrated by diagrams, but not so plentifully as the printed copies.

Add. MS. 15,108 (ff. 150–179 *b.*) is about the same date. It is on paper. The last proposition is left unfinished, but nevertheless the scribe has written, "Et sic est finis "perspective communis magistri Johannis de pisā, in- "grossata Erfordie per manus Johannis Pauli de Lorch, "sub anno Domini 1430, in die Sancti Goaris Con- "fessoris." There are figures and a few marginal notes at the commencement. There is at the commencement the following note :—

"Item causa efficiens hujus libri dicitur fuisse Phs. nomine Pezanus a civitate Phyzan sed hoc non placet aliquibus. Plures autem dicunt quod Johannes Pectzan et melius P[e]kam hujus est linea radiosa sive linea visualis quia omnia quæ hic determinantur in ordine ad ipsam determinantur. Iste liber prima sui divisione

dividitur in tres partes, prima aduc in duas partes, scilicet in prohemialem et executivam partes pītbūt."

There are several copies of this treatise in the Bodleian Library.

Digby MS. 218, ff. 1–23 :—A good fourteenth century MS., well and clearly written, with diagrams in the margin.

The preface begins with the following passage, which " is not in the printed copies or other MSS. :—" Scripsi " dudum rogatus a sociis quædam mathematice ruditer " rudimenta, quæ tamen aliis occupatus incorrecta reliqui, " quæ etiam contra intencionem meam in publicum pro- " dierunt, quæ icirco intendo, ut potero, perfunctorie " corigere ut prosint juvenibus studiosis. Igitur inter " phisicæ considerationis studia," etc. There are varia- " tions in the remaining lines.

This MS. has apparently not been seen by the editors of the printed texts.

After Lib. I. cap. iii. are inserted the following chapters : *In omnis puncto medii illuminati piramides ex piramidibus exoriri : Piramides radiosos ab eadem superficie vel diversis procedentes in fortitudine et debilitate effectuali per singula medii puncta differre.*

Caps. xiii. to xv. are omitted.

Cap. xxv. is *Lunam cum illuminatur apparentem minus medietate faciem novacularem necessario pretendere,* with a diagram.

Cap. xxvii. *Omne corpus naturale visibile seu non visibile radiose virtutem suam in alia porrigere.*

Another additional chapter is *Solem et stellas in orizonte apparentes magis aquiloni esse vicinas quam in alia celi parte.*

Part II. is headed :—" Circa scientiam de speculis tripli- " citer consideratio exercetur, primo in cognoscendo natu- " ram et differencias speculorum et modum et locum re- " flexionum ; secundo in experiendo locum ymaginum ; " tertio inquirendo differentias errorum specularium et " differentias speculorum."

Many of the chapters differ from those in the printed copies, being usually fuller. The treatise is called "Per-" spectiva Fratris Johannis de Pecham," both at the beginning and end.

Digby MS. 28 (ff. 180–212):—A fourteenth century vellum MS. headed "Incipit Perspectiva Peccham." There are no diagrams, with the exception of one or two roughly sketched in the margin with a lead point, but the letters referring to the diagrams are retained in the text. Caps. xxx. and xxxi. are reversed, the rubric of the latter being *Corpora diversorum dyaphonorum et disponentium requiruntur ad oculum construendum necessario.*

There are several wrong readings, an omission, and an addition of a few lines in this chapter. In Part II. caps. lv. and lvi. are reversed. It is not a very trustworthy MS.

"Explicit tractatus perspective abreviate de centro pertra[cta]tus cum commento ejus."

Digby MS. 98 (ff. 118–126):—A fifteenth century vellum MS., carefully written in a small hand, with many diagrams. The ink is faint, which makes it hard to read. The preface, caps. v., viii., and others, are much curtailed. The titles of the chapters are rubricated.

Caps. xxx. and xxxi. are transposed as in Digby 28; xlix. is placed after xlvi., and there are other transpositions, and a few misreadings, as *oriente* for *orizonte.*

"Explicit Perspectiva Fratris Johannis de Peccham."

Canonic: MS. Misc. 200:—This is an Italian manuscript on paper with wide margins, the enunciations written in letters about twice the size of the proofs, and the capitals in red and blue.

On the first page are three inscriptions, of which the earliest is:—"Iste liber est Antonii Fantexelli, civis Vin-" centini, emptus a Renaldo Verlato xxii. Augi. 1409." A later memorandum attests the purchase of the book from a Spanish friar in 1430.

At the end is: "Explicit Perspectiva Fratris Johanis " de Pechano, Ordinis Fratrum Minorum. Deo gratiarum

" actiones Scriptum per me Johannem Galassum con-
" sanguineum (?) domini Francheschini ab Orichalco
" de Verona, Studentis in Artibus. Deo gratias."

Incip.—Inter phisice considerationis.

The propositions are the same as in the printed copies, with some change of order and many variations in reading.

Instead of Cap. xxii., Part III., the scribe writes: " Hic defficit commentum," and of the following chapter only the first few words are given.

Bodley MS. 300, ff. 120 *b.*–132 *b.*, is a fifteenth century MS. of the same work, though styled in the *Explicit* "Perspectiva J. Pysani." There are no figures. The substance of the two last chapters is omitted.

Theorica Planetarum.

Pitseus mentions among his list of Peckham's writings "Theorica Planetarum." I have not been able to discover any printed copy of it, but there are in the British Museum two short treatises with this name, which are ascribed to him in the Catalogue of MSS. (Add. MS 15,107, ff. 65–71 *b.*, and Add. MS. 15,108, ff. 139–149 *b.*). Both were written in the middle of the 15th century the latter by Johannes Pauli de Lorch, the same scribe who wrote one of the MSS. of the Perspectiva Communis.

The treatise describes the motions of the planets as seen from the earth. It is illustrated with diagrams.

Incip.—Circulus eccentricus vel egresse cuspidis vel egredientis centri dicitur qui cum mundo non habet centrum.

Expl.—Si remanserunt tot gradus quod complectitur alterius splendor, tunc erunt illi duo planetæ conjuncti lumine et non corporaliter.

Sphaera.

In Arundel MS. 83, f. 123 *b.*, there is an illumination of the "Spera secundum fratrem J. de Pecham archie-
" piscopum," executed not long after the archbishop's death. In the centre is the Mouth of Hell, inscribed "Infernus." Round it are concentric circles, and on the top God sitting in an attitude of benediction. The circles are thus named, *Spera terre,* coloured green,

Spera aque, blue with white waves, *Spera aeris,* yellow, *Spera ignis,* red, *Celum Lune, Celum Mercurii, Celum Veneris, Celum Solis, Celum Martis, Celum Jovis, Celum Saturni, Celum Sidereum, sive Stellarum, Celum Crystallinum, sive Applanes, Celum Medium inter empireum et cristallinum motum motu simplicissimo, Celum empireum fixum et in motum, in quo est tronus Salomonis et locus Dei et Spirituum.* The circles of the spheres are blue, divided by white lines. The planets are red circles. Along the *Celum Sidereum* are 22 golden six-pointed stars. The *Celum Medium* is white. The *Celum Empireum* of a purplish colour, wider than the others, with 10 circles on it, alternately red and yellow. The cusped circle, in which is placed the throne of God, cuts into this sphere and rests on the *Celum Medium.* The Deity has long hair and beard, and a nimbus with a red cross, wears a red tunic, with a whitish cloak lined with green. The throne is ornamented with round headed apertures like windows. The background is blue. The description, whether written by the archbishop or not, no doubt contains his views on astronomy in a few words, and as the two MSS. of the *Theorica Planetarum* are difficult to read and corrupt, I give it here.

"Sciendum est quod mundi machina prima divisione in elementarem regionem partitur et etherealem. Elementaris autem continet quatuor corpora simplicia que elementa dicuntur; scilicet terram, aquam et aerem et ignem. Etherealem regionem dico quicquid est supra regionem ignis, quod a Philosopho Quinta Essentia appellatur pro eo quod corpus illud nec est grave neque leve, unde corpus neutrum dicitur, neque grave, neque leve, sicut patet per motum suum, quia non movetur motu recto, ut gravia et levia, set motu circulari. Ex quo concluditur quod non sit ejusdem generis proximi cum corporibus elementaribus. Hec autem etherealis regio secundum diversorum sapientum considerationem diversimode distinguitur. Naturalibus tantum 8 orbes astruentibus, quia ea quæ sensui

sunt exposita, non excedunt, Celum stellatum Primum Mobile nuncupantes. Cum tamen aliquod corpus insinuet Aristoteles in libro *De Celo et Mundo* esse supra illud, dicens extra et supra illud esse locum Spirituum et Dei. Mathematicis necessariis argumentis convincentibus esse novem orbes ad minus, propter hoc quod certis experimentis perpendunt celum sidereum varie moveri, nec tamen super polos mundi motu diurno ab oriente in occidens, sed etiam secundum Ptolomeum motu tardo et contrario. Cum igitur impossibile sit idem corpus motibus oppositis moveri per se, quamvis uno per se et altero per accidens contingat, sicut cum nauta in navi vadit contra motum navis; coacti sunt ponere aliquod corpus supra celum sidereum, quod per se ab occidente in orientem moveatur. Cujus motu Sydereum in partem eandem rapiatur, quod cristallinum vel applanes, sed a theologis aqueum appellatur. Theologis vero spiritu illius edoctis cujus spiritus ornavit celos, decem ad minus astruentibus preter celum empireum, in quo est tronus Salomonis, quod celum juxta sanctos est fixum et inmotum. Hec enim magis convenit felicitati curie celestis, in qua est pacis et quietis consummacio. Quidam enim in omnibus hiis literis periti ponunt unum intermedium inter cristallinum et empireum collocatum, motum motu simplicissimo ut in spera declaratur, ut secundum illos sint xi. orbes celestes, et iiii. elementares. Ita quod a centro mundi ad veri regis Salomonis tronum xv. gradibus ascendatur, et hec de numero dicta sufficiant."

Divinarum Sententiarum Librorum Biblie Collectarium.

"Divinarum Sententiarum Librorum Biblie ad certos titulos redacte: Collectarium, ingenio siquidem eruditissimi sacrisque literis assuetissimi viri domini domini Johannis de Pechano. Cantuariensis quondam ecclesie Archipresulis: ex ordine Minorum assumpti, haud sine ingenti labore compilatum: Nuncque primitus impressioni datum."

The date in the colophon is 1513, 17 March. 318 ff., 8vo. The preface states that it was printed at the suggestion of the bishop of Rochester, the learned and saintly Fisher, to whom the cardinal's hat was a crown of martyrdom, at the press of Wolfgang Hopilius at Paris, Francis Byrckman, a merchant of Cologne, paying the expenses. Byrckmann's coat of arms and name are on the title page.

In the preface, the authorship of the hymn "Sedenti "super solium, Congratulans trisagium Seraphice clam-"oris" is ascribed to Peckham.

The book consists of texts of scripture arranged under the following heads :—

I. "De Aversione peccatorum a Creatore." This is divided into sixty-six chapters, each referring to some sin or vice which alienates man from his Creator.

II. "De Revocatione."—Texts bearing on the recalling of sinful man to communion with God, and especially as to preaching as a means thereof. In some cases the connection is rather far fetched, as, for instance, under the head "De prædicatione quod sit simplex," the following texts are quoted, "Quid paleis ad triticum dicit dominus," and "Sangar percussit de Philistiim sexcentos "vomere viros." Samson's *Maxilla asini* is however omitted though one would have thought it quite as appropriate to a sermon as Shamgar's *vomer*. There is also a collection of texts suitable for the principal fasts and feasts of the Christian year.

III. "De Conversione."—Of the 25 chapters in this book one is "Exhortationes ad ingrediendum religionem," that is, texts which the subtle and tortuous mind of a mediæval theologian could twist into such a meaning, such as "Universæ aves ingressæ sunt ad Noe in arcam," and as a warning to those who hesitate, "Expectate hic cum asino."

IV. "De Merito et Ecclesiasticis Sacramentis." This book is subdivided into chapters on the seven virtues

and vices opposite to them, the theological virtues, the cardinal virtues and their opposites, works of mercy beatitudes, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the sacraments, holy orders, marriage, and the rewards of the evil and of the good.

In the earlier edition, which is in black letter, the marginal references give the chapter of the book quoted followed by a letter thus, "Josue 22 d." This is explained as follows in the preface, "Singulorum vero "capitulorum secundum veteres Sancti Jacobi concord-"antias septuplex est distinctio juxta septem primas "litteras alphabeti, videlicet, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*, *f*, *g*, demon-"strantes quæ capituli parte allegatam seu objectam "tibi auctoritatem invenies. Ita quod *a* primum ip-"sius capituli contineat partem, *b* secundam que a "principio recedens per *c* ad *d*, medium feratur. E. "vero a medio discedens, per *f* ad *g* finem usque pro-"tendatur. Quod si Biblia tua non sit illis litteris in "suis capitulis distincta, tu ipse poteris sola imagi-"natione apud te ab littera *a* usque *g* intercapedinem "capitulorum facere et sine mora quod queris reperire."

Another edition was published by Melchior Novesianus, at Cologne in 1541, with a new preface, and in Roman type. The title also was altered to "Collect-"aneum Bibliorum quinque libris sententias divinæ "scripturæ ad certos titulos, seu locos communes re-"digens, autore Johanne Pechano Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ "Archipræsule, nunc a mendis quibus scatebat re-"purgatum."

There are copies of this edition in Lambeth Library and the Bodleian; the latter has the colophon torn off.

Tractatus de misteriatione numerorum in Sacra Scriptura, editus a fratre Johanne Pechham Ordinis Fratrum Minorum. Lincoln Coll. MS. 81, ff. 40–48. De mysterio numerorum S. Scripture.

Incip:—Incipit tractatus de numeris:—Omnia, domine Jesu Christe, sapientia numero mensura et pondere disposuisti.

The treatise commences with a mathematical disquisition on number, in which Aristotle and Avicenna are quoted, and the division of number into *numerus numerans* and *numerus numeratus* is shown to mean numbers as applied to mathematical bodies or natural bodies. *Numerus Numeratus* is divided into corporal and spiritual, and also into actual and potential or virtual, both of which differences are to be found in corporal and spiritual numbers. Actual spiritual numbers consist in things which are essentially and subjectively distinct, as in two angels or two souls. Potential spiritual numbers are of five kinds, *occursores, progressores, sensuales, recordabiles, judiciales.*[1] *Occursores numeri* are those numbers by which the soul resists the passions of the body, that is which the soul puts forth in resisting something working on it from outside. *Progressores* are those motions which the soul puts forth in acting or speaking, motions of a soul not resisting but communicating something to another. *Numeri sensuales* are motions which the soul puts forth naturally in abhorring or accepting anything sensible, naturally, not according to the dictates of reason. *Numeri recordabiles* are numbers placed in the memory by the *occursores* and *progressores*, that is fantasms of actions and passions.[2] *Numeri judiciales* are reasonable numbers which divide and distinguish these four. In fact the soul itself is said to be defined by Plato as "numerus se ipsum movens."

In the next chapter the opinions of Aristotle (*philosophus*), and Augustine are discussed as to whether number is perceived by every sense; and then the absolute and relative properties of *numerus numerans* are specified. Odd and even are explained, and so are perfect numbers, of which this is the definition:—"Numeris perfectus dicitur a mathema-

[1] This means numbers in the musical sense, and is taken from Augustine *De Musica.* Lib. vi., caps. vi.–ix.

[2] Arundel MS. reads, fantasticarum actionum.

" ticis qui omnibus partibus suis aliquotiens[1] aggregatis
" est equalis. Et dicitur pars aliquota que aliquociens
" sumpta reddit suum totum. Sic verbi gratia senarii
" partes sunt unum duo tria, que omnes aggregate
" senarium constituunt. Est igitur infra denarium per-
" fectus senarius, intra c. xxviii., infra millenarium
" cccc. lxxxvi.,[2] intra x. milia sc. m. cc. 28,[3] et sic
" deinceps intra quemlibet limitem unus est perfectus,
" et sic ascendendo, semper alternatim alter terminatur
" in octonario, alter in senario, et isti numeri
" propter hoc dicuntur perfecti."

Another division is made into *numeri interlineares, superficiales,* and *solidi,* the two latter being the same as squares and cubes. There appears to be an omission in this chapter in the Oxford MS., by which the definitions are confused, and 10, and not 8, is said to be " bis duobus bis." This subject naturally leads up to a description of plane and solid figures, as triangles and pyramids, and here we find the first touch of symbolism,
" Quicumque autem solidorum habent bases pentagonas
" vel exagonas seu plurium laterum, et latera eque dis-
" tantia[4] erecta, dicuntur *columpne* seu, *columpnares*
" *numeri,* unde denarius primus est columpnarum, sec-
" undus, duodenarius, in quibus intellige Mosaicam et
" apostolicam doctrinam. Hee enim sunt due columpne
" Salamonis 3 R. 7.,[5] eree bene sonantes, 18 cubitorum
" altitudinis, que nichil astruunt nisi opera perfectionis
" que per senarium intelliguntur [ut] infra patebit, et
" fidem Trinitatis. Ex trinario autem ducto in senarium
" surgunt[6] 18, quos jungit[7] linea duodenario,[8] id est, sa-
" pientie habundancia."

A higher flight is attempted when the Trinity is elucidated (improving upon Richard of St Victor) by what is called *Meditatio Armonica,* that is a series

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[1] Aliquotis, Ar.
[2] ccccxxxvi., Ar.
[3] v. milia octo, Ar.
[4] distant, Ar.
[5] viii., Ar. II. Kings vii., v. 15.
[6] Surgit, Ar.
[7] tangit, Ar.
[8] duodenaria, Ar.

in which the first number is to the third as the difference between the first and second to the difference between the second and third. "In the Father there "are two differences, to give and not to receive. In "the Son two, to give and receive. In the Holy "Spirit two, to receive and not to give. The Father, "therefore, shares with the Son one property or diffe-"rence, and thus the half of his properties, *i.e.* to give. "Also the Son shares with the Holy Spirit half of "his properties, that is to receive. See the Geometrical "proportion. Because the Father gives the Son a pro-"perty, or half of a property, so the Son to the Holy "Spirit, and thus there is the same proportion, but not "the same difference, for the Father shares with the Son "to give, the Son does not share with the Holy Spirit to "give, but to receive, and thus according to reason it ap-"pears to be a *Meditacio Armonica,* because the Father "and Spirit are opposed in their differences, *i.e.*, for "the Father gives. The Spirit gives not. The Father "receives not. The Spirit receives." This chain of reasoning is carried to a considerable length, without making the doctrine of the Trinity much clearer. Some of these ingenious explanations of numbers in the Bible might be found useful in sermons, as for instance in the parable about the King with ten thousand who fights against another king with twenty, the double number symbolises the simplicity of Christ warring against the duplicity of the devil. The mysteries of numbers explained by the Greek letters which stand for them, are only alluded to, as the writer knows no Greek. The system of counting on the fingers is carefully described as follows;—Quidam enim quadam computacione digitali numeros [scripture] allegorizant sciendum dicitur super primo verbo Math. aliud centesimum, aliud lx^{m}.[1] Et dicit glosa quod centenarius[2] a leva transit in dextram. Propter quod sciendum est quod ex tactu prime juncture pollicis

[1] Matthew xiii., 8.

[2] centesimus, Ar.

[in] leva ab extremo indicis unum signatur; tangendo secundam juncturam signantur duo. Deinde tangit pollex juncturam indicis ubi palme continuantur, et signat ternarium. Deinde procedatur sic, ordine illo quo pueri gamma adiscunt et cum sic continuaveris numeracionem in denario perveniens ad summitate m medietatis ;[1] et deinde non ulterius[2] numerabi sed transiliendo denarium. Unde in summitate [medii pones xx et in summitate indicis] 30 reperies, et sic ulterius progrediens per decursum [usque ad debisol[3]] et ibi terminabis in xx.[4] deinde in centenario transitur a leva in dextram et in prima junctura pollicis reperies centum, in 2° vero ducenta et sic deinceps de omnibus aliis tam numeris quam juncturis."

The last few chapters are occupied with explaining the mystic signification of certain numbers. Some have several meanings, and a few are here given as examples. One is God, and natural reason. Two refers to the two commandments of charity, the two Testaments, &c. Three derives dignity from the Trinity, and the three theological virtues. Odd numbers denote the male and even the female, "par autem numerus femina dicitur "quia dum facile dividitur instabilitatem mulierum pre-"tendit."[5] Four is the number of the cardinal virtues and signifies the human body. Five is appropriated to the Mosaic Law, means multitude and the heavenly body. Six refers to the days of creation and the ages of the world, and also to the resurrection by a curious process of reasoning:—"The death of Christ, which was "single, being in the flesh alone, took away our double "death in flesh and spirit. The Resurrection of Christ, "which was only in the flesh, was the cause of our "double resurrection, in the flesh and in the spirit. "Take, then, all these singles and doubles, and they

[1] Medici, Ar.

[2] Continuis, Ar.

[3] Sic in Ar. The words in brackets are not in the Oxford MS.

[4] xc., Ar.

[5] Muliebrem ostendit, Ar.

" make six, which number squared (*in se ductus*) makes " thirty-six, and this is the number of the hours during " which Christ lay in the tomb." Seven is the number assigned to virginity and is called Pallas. Eight pertains to eternal life, there being seven ages of this world. It is the first solid quadrate number, wherefore it is said that eight souls were saved in the ark. Nine is the number of the angels. Ten signifies fulness of merit from its being the number of the Commandments. Eleven signifies sin. Twelve is the number of the Apostles and patriarchs, and denotes perfection. Forty is the number of punishment and fasting. Fifty, of jubilee and eternal joy; and a thousand, the last number mentioned, the fulness of grace.

The treatise ends with the words, " Ne me tam stultus " ineptusque est qui contenderit, ego aliquas reddidi vel " ecclesie auctoritate a maioribus traditas vel ex divin- " arum scripturarum testimonio vel ex ratione numerorum " similitudinumque intelligi.[1] Contra rationem nemo " sobrius, contra scripturas nemo Christianus, contra " ecclesiam nemo pacificus senserit. Amen. Explicit " tractatus de misteriatione mumerorum in Sacra Scrip- " tura editus a fratre Johanne Pechham, ordinis Frat- " rum Minorum."

The manuscript is of the 15th cent. On vellum with illuminated capitals.

There is another MS. of the treatise in the British Museum (Arundel MS. 200, ff. 1–14b.), anonymous in the catalogue, but a modern hand has written on the first page, " Robertus Grosted episcopus Lincolniensis hujus " libri author. Floruit circa annum Domini 1253." It is followed by a copy of the De Oculo Morali, to which Grosseteste's name is appended. This is, perhaps, the reason for the modern note. It is a xv. cent. MS., not particularly accurate, though it corrects some false readings in the other. It has no title.

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[1] Colligi, Ar.

A discussion of divers questions in theology headed: —Quodlibet a fratre Johannis[1] de Pech[am]. Merton MS. 96, ff. 262–270. The questions are as follows: —Utrum Deus predestinatum ab eterno possit non predestinare vel damnare. 2. Utrum circumscripto vero possit intelligere se Pater. 3. Utrum eodem verbo dicat se et alia. 4. Utrum in Christo sint plures filiaciones. 5. Utrum Spiritus Sanctus si non procederet a Filio distingueretur ab ipso. 6. Questio est de spiritualibus creaturis. 7. Questio est de cognitione naturali angelorum. 8. Utrum angeli superiores per species generum cognoscant particularia. 9. An angeli creati fuerunt in gratia. 10. Utrum in primo instanti potuerint esse in culpa. 11. Utrum actus istarum virium sc. memorie, intelligentie et voluntatis, sint eis essentiales ita quod semper insint in actu. 12. Utrum anima separetur a corpore subito vel successive. 13. Utrum beatitudo per prius respiciat essentiam vel potentiam. 14. Utrum parvuli sine baptismo decedentes possint vacare intellectuali inquisitioni. 15. Utrum corpora dampnatorum in eadem parte possint pati a contrariis qualitatibus. 16. Utrum ex eadem caritate multiplicando bona opera in genere, habitu non crescente, possit aliquis plus mereri de premio substantiali pluribus actibus quam uno. 17. Utrum aliquod opus sit indifferens procedens a voluntate deliberativa. 18. Utrum liceat homini dare hereditatem suam extraneis. 19. Utrum melius sit prelatis sollicitari circa multiplicationem temporalium aut insistendo ut temporalia habita dispensent. 20. Utrum si episcopus mandet alicui sacerdoti quod excommunicet illum quem ipse novit aut reputat innocentem, et hoc idem reputat multitudo parochie sacerdotis, ad hoc teneatur obedire sacerdos. 21. Queritur an archidiaconus licite possit recipere palefridum pro installatione abbatis. 22. Utrum liceat sacerdotibus pecuniam accipere pro sacramento. 23. Queritur de

Quodlibeta.

[1] sic in MS.

qualiter debeat baptizari; utrum sicut unus, utrum sicut duo. 24. Cum quis plura peccata commisit quorum nonnulla spectant ad episcopum, utrum sacerdos possit eum absolvere aspectantibus a se ad se non enim ab aliis absolvendo. 25. Utrum periculum sit claustralibus monachis si cura ab eorum officialibus monachis negligatur. 26. Utrum monachus professus[1] eo ipso quo professus est absolvatur omni voto quod fecit in seculo.

This is a large fourteenth century MS., containing also the questions of Thomas Aquinas. The first leaf has an illumination of a tonsured professor lecturing to his class, and at the bottom a hare pursued by a hound.

The questions are argued out carefully, and the following specimens which are chosen as being short and also as being more practical than some, will serve as examples:—"Deinde queritur circa statum sacerdotum plebanarum, et hoc quantum ad duo in genere, scilicet quantum ad dispensationem baptismi, et secundo, quantum ad absolutionem penitentium. Circa primum queruntur duo. Primum est si nolit conferre baptismum vel aliud sacramentum nisi mediante pecunia, utrum debeat sibi dari, et videtur quod sic, quia in quibusdam partibus detur pecunia pro unctione extrema; ergo eadem ratione potest fieri de alio sacramento. Contra venditio rei spiritualis fieri est illicita secundum se. Responsio, sacramentum nullatenus licet emere, cum enim constet sacerdotem peccare mortaliter et sacramento nolle abuti, nullo modo licet pecuniam sibi dare; secus est in redimenda vexatione sua, quoniam vexationem suam licet redimere, quia bonum est utrique vexanti et vexato vexationem finire. Ad objectionem de extrema unctione dicendum quod si a jure vel consuetudine concedatur, tamen gratis debet utrumque fieri nec aliquid exigi ante unctionem, sed celebrata unctione si negetur quod est pie consuetudinis, coram suo ordinario exigi potest. baptismo monstri nascentis cum duobus capitibus

[1] confessus (?).

"Queritur de baptismo monstri nascentis cum duobus capitibus, qualiter debeat baptizari; utrum sicut unus aut sicut duo. Et videtur sicut duo, quia ubi duo capita, ibi duo corda, omnia membraque sibi correspondencia. Ergo si sint duo capita debent baptizari ut duo. Contra, monstra nascuntur aliquando cum xxiiii digitis et cum aliis organis multiplicatis, et tamen non est ibi nisi una anima rationalis. Ergo a simili potest esse in duobus capitibus. Responsio, quando monstrum nascitur aut certum est duas esse animas rationales aut non. Certum autem est si sunt duo capita et duo colla et duo pectora, erunt per consequens duo corda, in tali casu sunt baptizandi ut duo. Et quamvis presumatur quod plures possunt similiter baptizari dicendo, "Ego baptizo vos," etc., tutius tamen est eos baptizare sigillatim, amplius si est dubium, verbi gratia. Si non sunt duo capita bene distincta, vel due cervices fundate in eadem tinita,[1] tunc primo baptizandus est unus, et deinde illo baptizato potest alter dubie baptizari, dicendo. "Si "non est baptizatus, ego baptizo te," etc. Ad objectum dicendum quod non est simile de monstris omnibus."

Rawlinson MS. C. 116, f. 30–39*b*.—Collationes Johannis de Pecheham de omnibus Dominicis per annum. Collationes.

The first five Sundays are lost. The collationes begin with the Sunday after Epiphany, "Dolentes "querebamus te," and the last is the 25th Sunday after Trinity, "Congregabunt electos."

The "Collationes" are paraphrases and commentaries upon the Gospels, moralising upon and explaining them, as the following example will show:—

Homo quidam fecit cenam magnam, Luc 14. Sciens Salvator laborantibus post laboris instantiam refectionem necessariam, in hiis verbis triplicem[2] nobis offert

[1] eodem trunco ? [2] tipice, Laud MS.

spiritualem alimoniam, quibus dicit "homo quidam " fecit cenam magnam." Seipsum volens in hoc intelligi, qui singulariter dicitur homo quidam, quia inter homines nullus talis qualis iste homo Deus. Duo igitur consideranda [proponit]. Primum est spiritualis convivii deliciositas. *Homo quidam fecit cenam* . Secundum est deliciarum copiositas ita magna ut sic deliciositate appetitum accendat et copiositate satietatem afferat, sic quod totaliter ad delicias spirituales nostrum desiderium convertat. Primo ergo proponit spiritualis convivii deliciositatem cum dicit *homo quidam fecit cenam.* Ita cena enim magnatum solent opponi delicata. In cena autem spirituali trino modo dignatur Dominus cum electis suis epulari. Prima est spiritualis, secunda sacramentalis, tertia est eternalis. In prima spiritualem offert consolationem. In secunda sacramentalem prestat refectionem. In tertia eternalem prebet fruitionem," etc.

This MS. is of the xiv. century, but not very accurate. The scribe has written at the end,

Dextram scriptoris,
Salvet Deus omnibus horis. Amen.

Laud. MS. 85, ff. 1–31, Bibl. Bodl.—Another MS. of the Collationes, containing the whole of the collationes for the Gospels for every Sunday, and also some for the Epistles, beginning with *Gaudete in Domino.*

Imperfect at the beginning.

In Bernard's Catalogue of the MSS. in Pembroke College, Cambridge, there is mention made of a copy of the *Collationes,* but Mr. R. A. Neil, the Librarian, who kindly searched for the MS. for me, tells me that it cannot now be found.

De Trinitate.

In a manuscript in the British Museum (Royal MS. 10. B. ix. f. 61 *b.*), which was compiled by Henry Cranebroke, a monk of Christchurch, Canterbury, in 1452, and subsequently belonged to archbishop Cranmer, there is a copy of Peckham's treatise, *De Trinitate.* It begins as follows:—

"Ingenuitas fidei Christiane terrene consideracionis indagini subici dedignatur et in modum solaris jubaris opprimit infirmiores oculos, sese temere ingerentes ad scrutinium majestatis."

The writer supports the Athanasian doctrine more by declamation and illustration than by close reasoning, and concludes thus:—"Hoc est sacrosancte trinitatis "archanum, quod auctore credimus Deo patre eterno, "doctore filio, illustratore spiritu sancto, quorum sci-"licet una majestas, una veritas, una bonitas, cui "honor et virtus et imperium in secula seculorum. "Amen." The tract only fills a little more than three pages, and is succeeded by the office for Trinity Sunday, which Peckham is said to have composed, consisting of antiphones, hymns, and responsories. It is written as prose, but is in verse. The first antiphone begins thus:—

Sedenti super solium
Congratulans trisagium
  Seraphici clamoris,
Cum patre laudat filium
Indifferens principium
  Reciproci amoris.
Sequamur per suspirium
Quod geritur per gaudium
  In sanctis cœli choris.
Levemus cordis studium
In trinum lucis radium
  Splendoris et amoris.

The last antiphone is

Eterna mens dum flectitur
In se, par proles nascitur,
  Notitiæ mentalis.
Simplicitatis ratio
Concludit ut distinctio
  Personæ sit æqualis.
Jucundaque germanitas

Requirit ut par caritas
Sit duum medialis.
Hic Sanctus psalmi[1] spiritus
Quem donet nobis celitus
Cum recto[2] principalis.

This is probably the same as the following book, of which there is no copy in the British Library, but which is mentioned by Maittaire, Panzer, and Lowndes.

"Johannes Pecham, archiep. Cant. De summa Trinitate et Fide Catholica, impress. London. per Richardum Pynson Regium Impressorem commorantem in vico nuncupato Fletestrete sub intersignio Sancti Georgii, anno incarnationis Dominicæ mccccx. vincesimo Calendas Julii 16.

Mattaire, Index I., p. 126.

Panzer. Annales Typographici vii., 239.

In 1530 the office was reprinted with a copious commentary under the title:—

"Liber de Sacrosancta et superbenedicta Trinitate. In quo ecclesiasticum officium quod in illius solemnitate legit Romana ecclesia, clare lucideque explanatur; simul et quicquid de illa fide tenendum est facili compendio succincte exponitur. Per fratrem Franciscum Titelmannum Hassellensem, sacrarum Scripturarum apud Lovanienses Prælectorem. Ejusdem oratio de præmatura morte bonorum."

Antuerpiæ apud Michaelem Hillenium Hoochstratanum. An. MDXXX mense Januario. 8°.

The office is not in the same order as in the MS., but all the antiphones are given first, and then the hymns. A brief biography of the archbishop is added.

This office was disused after the changes made by Pius V. in the Breviary, on account of the obscure and old-fashioned style in which it was composed.[3]

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[1] *psalmi*] extat, in Titelmanns edition.

[2] *recto*] nato, Titelmann.

[3] Barth. Gavanti. Commentaria in Rubricas Breviarii Romani. Rome 1628, vol. ii., p. 89.

Diffinicio theologie secundum fratrem Johannem de Petham. Gg. iv. 32, f. 10. Camb. Univ. Lib. Diffinitio Theologiæ.

A short tract on the elements of theology, which is described as the only perfect science. It expands the human heart, on the right hand teaching men to love their friends in God, and the left to love their enemies on account of God. A sketch of the books composing the Bible is given, the writer being aware that certain books ascribed to Solomon, as Wisdom and Ecclesiasticus, were not written by him, and knowing something also of the Jewish classification of the sacred writings.

It is then explained that besides the literal sense, holy writ has three mystic senses allegoric, tropologic, and anagogic.

"Litera gesta refert, quid credas, Allegoria,
"Moralis quid agas, quid speres, Anagogia."

Jerusalem, for instance, is literally a city in Palestine allegorically the church militant, tropologically, a soul governed by peaceful habits, and anagogically, the church triumphant. The tract concludes with remarks about creation.

Incip. Pauca theologica rudimenta pro erudiendis rudibus placet scripture in adjutorium fragilis memorie commendare. *Expl.* Creavit id est de nichilo fecit, quamvis enim creare multipliciter dicatur.

"Pecham super Quartum Sententiarum." Bodley MS. 859, ff. 332–379*b*. The heading is in a different hand. Super IV. Sententiarum.

Incip. Questio est de sacrificiis, circa que queruntur octo.

Other questions are, De connexione virtutum, De Baptismate, De Circumcisione, De Penitentia, De Sacramentis, De Virginitate, De Aureola, De Repudio et Divortio, etc.

Some of these are not included in Peter Lombard's fourth book. xiv. cent., vellum.

The treatise called "De Oculo Morali," which is ascribed to Grosseteste, bishop of Lincoln, by Pits, De Oculo Morali.

Tanner, and others, was printed at Augsburg at the end of the fifteenth century as a work of "Johannis Pithsani Archiepiscopi Canthuariensis, Ordinis Fratrum Minorum." This, without doubt, is meant for Peckham, a difficult name for foreigners to spell. In the Perspectiva Communis it appears in a still more corrupt form.

I have examined nineteen MSS. of the treatise, of which nine have no author's name at all; in four the bishop of Lincoln's name is unhesitatingly given as the author; in one doubtfully (*ut dicitur*); in four this name is added by a later hand, and in one the treatise is said to be by "Magister de Lunochia," which can be nothing but a misreading of "Lincolnia." No MSS. which I have seen mention Peckham's name in connexion with it, and I therefore know nothing of the evidence which was before the Augsburg printer and his editor, but I imagine he simply copied what he found on the MS. he used, a MS. which is possibly still in some foreign library. The earliest manuscripts certainly are anonymous, and Grosseteste's name was so popular that there is nothing extraordinary in any book being attributed to him; and I am inclined to think that the attribution is erroneous. Though none of Peckham's other works show the same aptitude for story telling, the style is much alike, and there is a manifest connexion between this and the Perspectiva Communis. This point, however, must not be pressed too far, as Grosseteste may have been familiar with Alahacen's treatise on optics. At all events I have thought it worth while to give an account of the book, and some future biographer of Peckham may settle the point.

"Johannis Pithsani archiepiscopi Canthuariensis ordinis Fratrum Minorum Liber de Oculo Morali."

There are two copies of this book in the British Museum, both without printer's name, but according to the Museum catalogue, by Antony Sorg, of Augsburg, about the date 1475. Neither have title page, register, or pagination. One

is of 61 leaves, with 38 lines to a full page; and the other, which is imperfect, should have 59 leaves only, there being 40 lines to a page. In both the capital letters and chapter headings are rubricated. In one copy the text is preceded and in the other followed by a copious index compiled by Fr. Mathias de Wienna, a Carmelite.

After a brief description of the anatomy of the eye drawn from Constantine[1] and Alahacen,[2] in which the component parts of the organ of vision are enumerated with tolerable accuracy, various facts relating to the sense of sight, and the phenomena of reflection and refraction are stated as texts on which to hang moral and religious sermons.

For instance, it is stated that the eye cannot see fog while surrounded by it, but can on leaving it, and thus a sinner cannot see the darkness of the sin in which he is enveloped till he has left it and is illuminated by the grace of God. If you push your eye out of its place with your finger you see double. Thus, prelates of the present day, through evil counsel, judge a priest to be worthy of two benefices when he ought to be contented with one. Thus tyrants thrust their servants into bishoprics without election. Thus, when prelates object to promote unworthy clerks, their evil counsellors distort their vision by perverse allusions to the example of holy men. Is it said that the clerk to be promoted is low born? Peter, the head of the church, did

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[1] A native of Carthage, monk of Cassino, who died about the end of the 11th century. His medical works were printed at Basle in 1536. The passage referred to is Commun. Loci Med. Lib. iii., c. 13.

[2] Alahacen or Alhazen is the common mediæval name of Hasan ibn Al Hasan ibn Al Haitan, of Bassora, who wrote on astrology and optics in the eleventh century. A Latin translation of some of his works under the title of "Opticæ Thesaurus Alhazeni Arabis libri septem, nunc primum editi. Ejusdem liber de crepusculis et nubium ascensionibus. Item Vitellonis Thuringopoloni Libri x., omnes instaurati figuris illustrati et aucti, adjectis etiam in Alhazenum commentariis a Federico Risnero," was printed at Basle in 1572.

not boast of his family. Is he ignorant, and never studied at Paris or elsewhere? Nor are the Apostles said to have gone to a university. Is he a frequenter of brothels? Hosea was commanded by Jehovah to take unto him "a wife of "whoredoms." Is he a fool? "It pleased God by the "foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Is he a winebibber and a glutton? But Christ himself was called so, and the servant is not greater than his lord. Is he, in fact, totally unfit? But Sampson conquered the Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. Another "finger" is taking gifts, and this is enforced by stories of incorruptible prelates, and of the power of money—

"Audito nummo quasi viso principe summo
Dissiliunt valve, nichil auditur nisi 'Salve.'"

It may be worth noticing that the verb *pello* is used as a euphemism for *bribe*.[1]

The appearance of a stick half immersed in water is compared to an upright man who allows himself to be drawn into worldly pleasures. Though not wholly sunk in them, and perhaps taking them for necessary recreation, still he is commonly thought "spiritualiter esse "fractus et a morum rectitudine obliquisse."

The following chapters are very characteristic:—

"The eighth wonder. That God is a mirror without spot. It is proved in perspective that an eye being in the centre of a concave spherical mirror, if it looks at the mirror, sees itself alone.[2] Whence if the whole heaven was a mirror, an eye in the centre, if it looked at the heaven, would only see itself. Which is thus proved. Since an object placed outside the centre has rays falling obliquely on the surface of the mirror; since also the angles of reflexion and incidence are equal; it follows that rays are reflected not to the centre, but to the opposite side.

[1] Eum qui jam recepit munera vulgariter consuevimus dicere esse pulsum.

[2] This is Prop. 41 of Book ii. of the Perspectiva Communis.

Thus, also, it is to be seen in God, after this manner.[1] As, saith Alanus, God is an intelligible sphere, whose centre is everywhere. Also, he is an unspotted mirror (Wisdom vii.). The divine eye, therefore, as if in the centre of all things, very present, while he is close to all things, perceives in himself as if in a mirror himself alone by himself. Other things indeed he is said to know by himself not in themselves, lest, as saith the Philosopher, his intellect should become common.[2] But he knows and perceives them in himself, inasmuch as he is the pattern of all things, containing in his ideal essence the likeness of all things.

"The ninth wonder, whence it follows that overladen with our bodies we cannot see the Divine essence.

"It is proved also in the said science that an object being in the centre of a spherical concave mirror is not seen by an eye placed outside the centre, looking at the mirror.[3] Thus as long as our dwelling in this life is prolonged and oppressed by the load of our flesh, we are separated from God, we cannot see the Divine essence. Wherefore also the Lord replied to Moses when he prayed to see God's face, "Thou canst not see my face; for "there shall no man see me and live." (Exod. xxxiii. 20.) When, therefore, we have run so that we shall obtain the fulfilment of what is said in 1 Corinth. vi. 17, "He that "is joined unto the Lord is one spirit;" since also God is all things in all things, then indeed not without the centre, but as it were placed in the centre of Divine stability, and in a certain manner made one with God, we shall see him as he is."

In a subsequent page, the larger apparent size of heavenly bodies when near the horizon than when in the zenith is compared to the increasing humility of

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[1] Sic etiam suo modo est videre in Deo.

[2] Alia vero a se non dicitur in seipsis cognoscere, ne sicut dicit philosophus, ejus vilesceret intellectus.

[3] Perspectiva Communis, Lib. ii., prop. xl.

heavenly-minded men as they rise in worldly dignity, and in treating of the diseases of the eye, a squint is compared to envy, and inflammation to anger.

The moral tone which pervades the treatise is ascetic. It is assumed that man is surrounded by enemies who lie in wait to entrap his soul, and not only surrounded, but that there are enemies within the gates, of whom the eyes are not the least dangerous as inciting to covetousness. The saint is praised who on losing the sight of one eye, told his friends not to mourn, for of two enemies he had lost one. The virtue of chastity is, of course, inculcated in the strongest terms, but like a man the author throws most of the blame on women. As the basilisk kills flying birds by a look, so good men are spiritually slain by the glances of a woman. "It seems "probable that when a woman looks at a man lustfully, "then from the woman's heart a lustful smoke rising to "her eyes infects her visual rays, which, striking the "man's eyes, infect them, and the infection passes to his "heart," like the venom of a rabid dog through a bite. "Hunters wishing to catch game first let go small "hounds which are called *fureti*,[1] which hurry hither "and thither till they find game. And when they have "found, the hunter lets go great hounds, and when they "have caught the quarry, he comes up and kills it with "a spear. Thus the devil, who hunts man to death, "sends out as his ferrets the immodest eyes of youth, "which wander up and down the streets till they find a "prey, that is, till they behold some fair woman, and "then the devil sends to the heart his great hounds, that "is, filthy thoughts, and at last comes up the hunter and "slays the soul with the spear of consent or act." Elsewhere chastity and sobriety are praised as necessary to clearness of mental vision. "As the bodily eye cannot

[1] The reverend author in his ignorance of the art of venery has apparently confused ferrets and tufters.

" see clearly if diseased or full of dirt, so for the mental
" eye to contemplate the divine essence or knowledge,
" it must be freed from the foul humour of carnal con-
" cupiscence." "They who eat too much, the more they
" feed their bellies the more they blunt their mental
" senses."

The dissatisfaction with the state of the church and the desire to reform which is so apparent in Peckham's letters, shows itself with equal distinctness in this book. An instance has been already given, and a whole chapter is devoted to "Instructiones Prelatorum," in seven sections. They are warned that they must excel others in holiness. "Monstruosa res est gradus summus et
" animus infimus, sedes prima et vita ima, lingua magni-
" loqua et manus ociosa, sermo multus et fructus
" nullus." They are bidden to look after the morals of their households, for "Habitantes in curia sunt ut canes
" in coquina," and if blind to plurality and other things which are wrong, they are worse than laymen. The writer looks back to a past age when the world was better than now. "Formerly the church with its pre-
" lates of old time, was golden in wisdom, silver in
" cleanness of life, brazen in eloquence, which are three
" things needful to a preacher, that is, brightness of wis-
" dom, cleanness of life, and sonorousness of eloquence.
" But of the feet, the last, that is, the modern prelates,
" part is iron through their hardness of heart, and
" part is clay by their carnal luxury. When Peter,
" late archbishop of Senez, was once at the abbey of
" Clairvaux, he visited a monk who was often rapt in
" ecstacy, and asked him to recount one of his visions.
" 'I saw lately,' he said, 'a certain beautiful lady
" 'adorned with gold and gems, who said to me, as-
" 'tounded and admiring her dress and the beauty of
" 'her face, 'Who am I?" and I replied, 'It seems to me
" 'you are the Blessed Virgin.' And she said, 'Look at
" 'me behind.' And I looked and behold she was putrid
" 'and swarming with worms. 'Now,' said she, 'you

" ' can perceive that I am not a glorious virgin. I am
" ' not the Virgin Mary, but I am Mother Church, who
" ' in my first state, that is in front, was glorious
" ' and honourably adorned by apostles, martyrs, and
" ' confessors, but at my back, that is at the present
" ' time, am putrid and corrupt, and full of ignominy, by
" ' reason of the prelates of this day, and my silver is
" ' become dross."

The avarice of prelates and their want of care for their flocks is also sternly rebuked.

"Non curant aras sed aras,[1] non vera sed era,
Non equum sed equum, non inopes sed opes."

"There was a discussion once why ostrich eggs are hung up in church, and who are the men who tell the most lies. The first question was solved after this manner, Ostrich eggs are hung up in churches and placed before the eyes of prelates for this reason, to warn them against imitating ostriches in their carelessness for their young, for the ostrich is spoken of in Job. c. xxxix., "She is hardened against her young " ones as though they were not hers." But to the second question this was the answer. Priests and clerks lie more frequently and solemnly than other men, for every day they declare before all the world "Horror " hath taken hold upon me, because of the wicked that " forsake thy law."

The archbishop's sentiment of compassion did not apparently extend to animals, for he alludes to the practice of blinding dancing bears by holding a red-hot dish before their eyes without any disapprobation.

The language used is very similar to that in some of the more important letters, which the archbishop may be supposed to have written himself. The style is pompous and involved, and the explanations of texts and words fanciful: "Come ejus nigre sicut corvus. " Per comas cogitationes eo quod sint subtiles el quasi

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[1] *i.e.*, arrhas.

" innumerabiles, designantur." " Argentum congrue " interpretatur, quasi ardor gentium." " Unde forni- " catio dicitur quasi fortis necatio, vel forme necatio, " vel fornacis accensio." The fondness for a verbal jingle which was remarked on in the preface to Vol. I., occurs here also, as in the following passage rebuking a lazy scholar: " Tu qui disciplinali militie et libris omnia " postposueras, nunc codices ad calices transtulisti, et " scribere in bibere convertisti; et nunc predicaris " egregius potator qui prius fueras nominatissimus " disputator. Plus studes in calicibus quam in codici- " bus. Plus vacas commessationibus quam lectionibus. " Plus enim in salmone studes quam in Salomone."

The authors quoted are very numerous. The ecclesiastical writers include Gregory Nazianzene, Jerome, Chrysostom, Augustine, Anselm, Fortunatus, Hugo de S. Victore, Dionysius the Areopagite, Isidorus, Bede, Cassianus de Institutis Monachorum, Petrus Alfunsus, and others. Among classical writers are Aristotle, Horace, Juvenal, Quintilian, Petronius, Orosius, Fulgentius, " Agellius," (Aulus Gellius), Cicero, Claudian, Seneca, Cassiodorus, Valerius Maximus, Macrobius, Pliny, Theophrastus, Ptolemy, Boethius and " Epistola Alexandri " ad Regem Bragmannorum." Among chroniclers and other writers of a date nearer to his own, he mentions Helinandus the Monk of Froidmont, Solinus de Mirabilibus Mundi, Sigeberti Chronica, Victorius de Architectura, " Architemus."[1] and the Historia Tripertita.

This list is proof of a considerable range of reading, considering that it is long before the invention of printing.

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[1] Archithrenius, the poem by John de Hauteville, which was printed at the *Prelium Ascensianum* in 1517. The passage quoted is Lib. iii., caps. 6 and 7, a description of the miseries of scholars.

And now after these drier details of the contents of the book, we will turn to some of the stories with which the moral lessons are enforced.

Once upon a time a certain fool finely confuted a multitude of theologians at Paris. He asked them which is the better, to do what a man knows or to learn what he does not know. Then as they disputed about the question proposed, and argued for and against, the fool hearing their altercation was silent, waiting for them to finish. Then it was concluded and proved that it was better to do what a man already knows, than to learn what he does not know, because, as says the apostle to the Romans, "For not the hearers of the law are just "before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." And Isidorus in *De Summo Bono* says, "A zealous student will be more prompt to perform what he reads than to know; for it is a less sin not to know what you desire to know than not to perform what you know." Then said the fool, "you are all mad, who work all day and night only to learn what you do not know, and you do not care to perform in action what you know."

Master Alan, the celebrated doctor, but still poor, was invited to dinner by a former disciple, already a bishop, who seeing his poverty said, "Master I marvel "not a little that your scholars are already become great "men. One is an abbot, another is a bishop, another "an archbishop, and you are left in ridiculous poverty." Alan indeed, thinking otherwise, for he had true and right judgment, is said to have answered thus: "You "do not know," quoth he, "what is the height of the "most perfect dignity and the true greatness of a man. "It is not to be a great bishop, but a good clerk. The "proof. By the voice of three rascally canons to whom "is given the power of election, a bishop shall be made, but "if all the saints in paradise, and all men in the world, "said together with one voice before God, 'Martin is a

" 'good clerk,' Martin would not on that account be a
" good clerk if he remained in his ignorance."

The following story is taken from Helinandus, of Froidmont, but from a part of his chronicle which does not seem to have survived :—Philip, bishop of Beauvais, once tarried with us, not as some for the sake of devouring us, but for devotion. For already the general hospitality of our order found more to devour it than its singular holiness found to honour it. Now the said bishop had ordered me to call him to hear early mass. On coming to him on the morrow when primes had already been sung, I found him still sleeping, and none of his household dared disturb him. But I drew near to him to wake him, saying in joke, "The sparrows have long
" risen to praise the Lord, and our bishops still snore in
" their bed. Listen father, what says the Psalmist,
" 'Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I
" 'might meditate in thy word.'" Upon which the
" gloss of Ambrose says, It is indecent for a Christian
" if the sun's rays find him slothful in bed." The bishop waking up at this was confused, and wroth with me for reproving him so freely, and said somewhat angrily, "Be off, you wretch, and kill your
" lice." But I turned this anger into a joke, and said forthwith, "Beware father less your worms kill you,
" for I have long ago killed my worms. Know father
" that this is the difference between the worms of the
" rich and the poor. For the worms of the rich kill the
" rich, but the worms of the poor are killed by the poor.
" Read the histories of the Maccabees and Josephus,
" and the Acts of the Apostles, and you will find
" that the most powerful kings, Antiochus and Herod
" Agrippa were eaten by worms." Crushed by this reason, and these authorities, the bishop straightway held his peace.

From the same author[1] is taken the story of William II. complaining of the low price of his shoes, and being satisfied with a cheaper pair when told a falsehood about the price. The point of the story, however, is completely spoilt by substituting *meliores* for *viliores* as in Helinandus.[2]

It has been often remarked how old stories are attributed to new characters, and the following saying, it will be remembered, came up again during the French revolution, "I heard that a certain lady, seeing the poor "in time of famine, picking grass in the fields to eat, "said, "Can they not eat bacon and peas?" One man "replied, "they could if they had it."

Here is a miracle of the Virgin Mary. There was a certain clerk devoted to the Virgin, who was closely meditating on the text in Canticles, "How fair is thy "love, my sister, my spouse," and "How fair and how "pleasant art thou, O love, for delights." Having heard that all this was understood and expounded of the Blessed Virgin, he prayed to her to deign to show herself, deeming himself blessed if he could but once behold her so fair.

After many prayers there came to him an angel sent by the Blessed Virgin, and saluting the clerk, he said to him, "The Blessed Virgin has heard your prayer, and "sends word that she will come to you on such a day "and hour, and you shall see her. But know that it is "unsuitable and unworthy that after your eyes have "beheld her beauty and fairness surpassing all things "that then they should see what is earthly and perish-"able." "I care not," said the clerk, "if I am blind "for ever from the time I once behold her." But when

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[1] Lib. xlvii.

[2] Ivit ille et multo meliores (viliores) attulit et quanti preceperat emptas, mentitus est. Several of the MSS. have the same error, and in the description of them, which follows, I have generally noted what they read in this place and to what date they refer the story. This is some indication of their value.

the angel had departed, he began to be anxious about this infirmity, thinking what he should do when he lost his eyes. "I shall never be able to earn my bread by writing, "but I must be a wretched beggar, and without any com-"fort, and can say with Thobias, what joy have I now "that I sit in darkness, and see not the light of heaven." At last he thought, and said, "When the Blessed Virgin "comes I will open one eye to see and shut the other, "and so I shall only lose one, and as one will remain "that will be sufficient." Then when at the appointed time the Blessed and Glorious Virgin appeared, he saw such splendor and beauty that could not be expressed or thought. Just as he was moving the hand placed over the eye to prevent it seeing her, in order that he might open the eye and thus see her more plainly, the Glorious Virgin disappeared and he saw her no more. Then he, deprived of one eye, the one with which he had seen her, but the other safe, with which he had not seen her, reproved himself sharply, and sorrowfully with many tears spoke thus, "Alas, wretched man, why did I "shut one eye, why did I not open both? O that I had "been all eyes that I might have seen her more fully!" After he had long prayed the Blessed Virgin to show herself to him again, that he might see her at all events with the other eye, preferring to be deprived of both eyes if he could gaze on her again, the angel was sent again and said to him, "My lady whose messenger I am "sends this message. Friend, what more do you want? "Do you wish by seeing again to lose the other eye?" He replied, "Yea, lord, even if I had a thousand eyes "I would wish to lose them for ever if I might see her "perfectly." To whom the angel, "And my most "merciful mistress tells you that you shall see her "again, and you shall by no means lose the remaining "eye, but recover that which is lost." Which was done not long after. For again the sweet Virgin appeared and showed herself to be seen and gazed on, and

restored the lost eye. From this we can consider how intense is the beauty of the Glorious Virgin, and how delightful it is to see her with the eyes."

The following story about Our Lord occurs in a chapter "De oculo septemplici intuitus Divini." A certain man stole a pig. He was a very hospitable man, and because blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy, the Lord Jesus who never forgets men of mercy, appeared in the likeness of a poor man with long hair and asked to have his hair cut. The man forthwith, rising respectfully before the poor man, took the shears and began to cut. While doing it he found two eyes concealed on the crown of his head. Seeing this he was sore afraid, and asked what it was. Jesus replied, "I "am called Jesus, who see all things everywhere, and "those are the eyes with which I saw the pig which "you have shut up in your cellar," and immediately vanished. And the man in remorse restored the pig.

As the writer finds fault with the churchmen of his day, so he compares unfavourably the present generation of scholars with their predecessors. He talks of their buying many beautifully bound books but never opening them, and of one friend of his being able to sit up all night and talk nonsense, but being infallibly sent to sleep by reading at the fourth or fifth line. But there is not much to be gleaned from his remarks on that head.

The manuscripts are as follows:—

Laud MS. 677, ff. 148 b–231.—According to Coxe a xv century MS., on vellum. It has no indication of authorship.

This MS. in the story about William II. (cap. ix) has the date MXCII which the printed copy gives as "milesimo duodecimo," and *meliores* is corrected by the writer himself or a contemporary to *viliores*.

Laud MS. 527, f. 220.—A fourteenth century manuscript on vellum, also with no indication of authorship.

This has the two readings mentioned, correct.

Bodley MS. 315, ff. 28–59.—A beautiful xv century MS. formerly belonging to the dean and chapter of Exeter, entitled "Tractatus moralis de Oculo secundum "magistrum de Lunochia." This reads "MXIII." and *viliores.*

Bodley MS. 122, ff. 1–54 *b.*—An imperfect early copy on vellum, beginning in the middle of cap. vi. a. ii., *De secundo mirabili.* There is no author's name.

Bodley MS. 742, No. 2.—A handsome MS. of the middle of the 15th century, with no name. It reads MXIII. and *meliores.* The following note is in a modern hand. "*Vide* MS. H. 7, 13. Th. ubi occurrit sequens "tractatus M^ro^ de Lunochia ascriptus. In elencho "enim contentorum in principio codicis sic, Quindecim "proprietates de oculo extracte per M^rum^ de Lunochia. "Et tamen in calce operis sic legimus:—Explicit trac-"tatus moralis de oculo secundum magistrum de Lu-"nochia." (This is now Bodley 315.)

Laud MS. 519, ff. 127–254.—A fifteenth century paper MS. with alphabetical index. No indication of authorship.

Digby MS. 77, ff. 109–150.—This MS. has no author's name, but the title in the top margin, which might have contained a name, is cut off. xiv. cent., vellum. It reads "M^o^II." and "viliores."

Merton Coll. MS. 216, ff. 203–229.—A fourteenth century MS., with a later fifteenth century heading, "Tractatus de Oculo secundum Robertum Lync' ut "dicitur, qui dicitur Oculus Moralis."

Merton Coll. MS. 82, ff. 64–95.—A later fourteenth century MS. with no name, but a list of contents on the fly leaf, written perhaps fifty years after, calls this treatise "Lincoln' de Oculo." The same writer gives the price of the volume, "precium xx *s.* iii *s.* iiii *d.* xx *d.*" It reads M^o^XCII^o^ and "meliores."

Magd. Coll. MS. 27, f. 111.—Tractatus de oculo *secundum Lyncoln' de oculo morali.* The words between **

added by a rather later hand. It omits a few words at the end, stopping at "reges in solio collocat." xiv. cent. Vellum.

Magd. Coll. MS. 202, f. 183 *b*.—A beautiful xv. cent. MS. carefully written. It reads M° 92, and "viliores." The contemporary rubric is:—Explicit scriptum de oculo editum per venerabilem dominum Lincolnien'.

Oriel Coll. MS. 200, f. 271.—A fifteenth century MS. of which the rubric at the end is: Explicit tractatus Linc. de oculo.

It reads "M°XIII." and "meliores."

Royal MS. 7 C. I., ff. 1–30. B. M.—A xiv. century MS. belonging to a monk of Ramsey.

In table:—Tractatus Oculi Moralis, and at the end:—Explicit tractatus de Oculi Morali.

It reads "MXCII.," "viliores."

Arundel MS. 200, ff. 15–43 *b*., British Museum. A xv. century MS., imperfect at the beginning.

Ends:—Explicit tractatus de Oculo Morali compendiosissimus ex editione magistri Roberti Grosteste Lincolniensis episcopi.

Royal MS. 12 E. xxi., ff. 105–145, British Museum.—No name to the treatise, but headed in another hand of the xv. century "Lincolniens' alias Grostheed."

It has "MXIII." and "viliores."

Royal MS. 12 D. vii. ff. 103–135 *b*.—xiv. century. Tractatus moralis de Oculo.

It has illuminated capitals, and marginal notes, but no name.

It reads "MCCXLII." "viliores."

Add. MS. 16,167, f. 83 *b*–107 *b*., British Museum.—A fifteenth century MS. without name. Explicit tractatus de oculo morali. It has "M° 22°" and viliores.

Royal MS. 6 E. V. ff. 211, British Museum.—A late xiv century MS. which belonged to Merton Priory, a large and beautiful MS. with illuminated capitals.

The rubric is: Incipit de oculo morali secundum Lincoln'.

Other of his works are in the same volume. It reads M° 22°, "viliores."

Vitellius C. xiv., ff. 7–30, British Museum.—A xv century MS. mutilated by burning.

Colophon:—Explicit Lyncolniensis de oculo morali. It reads M° 222, and Subillus for Wilhelmus, but viliores, correctly.

Speculum ecclesiæ.

In Corpus Christi college, Oxford,[1] there is a copy of the Speculum Ecclesiæ which is known as the work of Hugh of St. Cher, the first Dominican who obtained a cardinal's hat; and some modern annotator, perhaps Brian Twyne, has written in the margin, "Auth. Joh. "Peckham. Extat tamen sub nom. Hug. Cardinalis." Tanner mentions it among Peckham's works, probably relying on the authority of Pits, as doubtless the writer of the note in the Corpus MS. also did. It consists of a description of the vestments of the priest and the order of divine service, giving the mystical meaning of every detail. In one of his other books Peckham confesses that he knows no Greek, but the author of this work thought he did, though his explanation of *Kyrie eleison* does not give a very exalted idea of the accuracy of his scholarship.

"*Kyri* enim idem est quod Christus et deus, *leys* miserere, *on* nobis. Unde *kirie eleison* tantum sonat, O Christe Deus miserere nobis."

There is no indication of authorship in the book itself, except a general likeness to the De Numeris Sacræ Scripturæ, but this is not sufficient to base a theory on.

Liber pauperis.

"Liber pauperis contra insipientem novellarum hæresium confectorem."

Corpus Christi MS. 182, f. 1–36, Oxford.—In the bottom margin is written: Tractatus iste est fratris Johannis de Peckham archiepiscopi Cantuar' pro paupertate contra Willelmum de S. Amore.

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[1] MS. 155, f. 7. Another MS. (Merton 110, f. 409), is anonymous.

Incip. Quis dabit capiti meo aquam et oculis meis fontem lacrimarum et plorabo die ac nocte interfectos filie populi mei. Consideranti mihi dierum.

The writer has found three books by an unknown author, in one volume, "divitias, delicias, et glorias novo "docendi genere solis perfectorum usibus assignantes, "qui tres spiritus inmundos in modum ranarum quod "probare non poterant turpiter coaxantes. Quorum "materia mendax diffamacio bonorum, forma fallax "allegatio sanctorum et nimis ridiculosa complexio non "tam rationum quam delirationum; causa efficiens "præsumptuosa adinventio fatue novitatis, causa finalis "exterminium et vilipensio a Christo consecrate et "altissime paupertatis. Nimirum dogma frivolum et "puerile ludibrium cujus initium azephalum post "medium putridum, ad finem concluditur ruinosum."

When he calls the writer unknown Peckham is scarcely speaking the truth, for there can be no doubt that the book referred to is that of William of St. Amour, which was published about 1256 in three parts: —*De Pharisæo et Publicano*:—*De periculis novissimorum temporum*:—*Collationes Scripturæ Sacræ.* Wm. de St. Amour, a professor of philosophy at Paris, had taken an active part in the resistance of his university to the attempts of the friars to gain a monopoly of the theological chairs. He preached violent sermons against the religious orders, which stirred up the people so that they refused them alms, and called them hypocrites and precursors of Antichrist, phrases which the preacher himself used.[1] The book itself was condemned by Pope Alexander IV., and burnt at Anagni, and the author deprived of his professorship.[2] But in spite of condemnations it got into circulation, and was translated into French. It was printed at Cologne in 1632. There is no copy in the British Museum Library except

[1] Matthew Paris, v. 599 (Rolls Ed.).

[2] Robertson, Ch. Hist., iii. 598.

in MS,[1] but the sermons[2] no doubt contain much of the substance of it, and at all events show the arguments which Peckham attempted to refute. Though not worth answering he says he will show it up, lest the simple be deceived. The headings of the chapters will give a fair idea of the scope of his work. 1. De perfectione evangelica in generali. 2. De perfectione propria Salvatoris capitis nostri. 3. De perfectione apostolorum. 4. Evacuat dolos frivolarum tergiversacionum. 5. Dissolvit evangelicæ paupertatis impugnatores. 6. Ponit ipsius paupertatis insignia et commendationes. 7. Ostendit quod evangelicis pauperibus congruit vivere de elemosinis tam gratis datis quam mendicatis. 8. Repellit ea quæ allegantur in vituperium mendicitatis. 9. Probatur quod hujusmodi pauperes non tenentur vivere de labore manuum. 10. Repelluntur impie calumpnie tam in vitam quam in regulam jactate fratrum minorum. 11. Agitur de perfectione communi omnium religiosorum. 12. De perfectione penitentium. 13. De perfectione omnium Christianorum. 14. De perfectione prelatorum. 15. Qualiter possit religiosis prelatorum officia convenire. 16. Per quas personas debeant finalia pericula evenire.

Perfection is defined in such a way as to include the contempt of riches and the search for truth. Voluntary poverty is shown to contain all the cardinal virtues, and begging for alms solely from a motive of humility is a work of perfection. The poverty of the apostles is defined to be having nothing *possessorie sibi intitulatum, mobile vel immobile, proprium vel commune, nil dico quod divicias saperet, vel delicias redoleret, aut secularem gloriam ministraret.* By this definition he disposes of the objection that as Paul was afraid of robbers, he could not have practised poverty. He

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[1] Vit. C. xiv., f. 78.

[2] Fasciculus Rerum Expetendorum, ii. 48.

defends the holding of monastic and ecclesiastical offices by those vowed to poverty on the ground that they will give away more to the poor than others would, and are entitled by the gospel to receive the hire of their work.

The tenth chapter is substantially the same as the *Declaratio* printed in the "Firmamentum Trium Ordi-" num Beatissimi Patris nostri Francisci," which is described next.

In the last chapter the archbishop comments on his opponents' (*homines pestilentes quos sola infamia facit famosos*) attempts to show that the religious orders are bringing on the church the troubles which denote the end of the world; and that the friars are the precursors of Antichrist, the ravening wolves, foretold by Christ as coming after his death to ravage the flock. In support of this they quote the sayings of the Teutonic prophetess Hildegardis[1] and accuse the friars of preaching from unworthy motives, *e.g.*, to gain influence over other people's parishioners, of preferring to preach to the converted than to the unconverted, of granting indulgences as if they were bishops, and similar offences. All this, of course, Peckham denies, and describes the disciples and precursors of Antichrist as being full of errors, cruel oppressors of the poor, and lovers of riches, terms which of course cannot apply to the order to which he belongs.

Expl :—Cum quo etiam triumphabimus ipso prestante omnium triumphatore, qui cum patre filio et spiritu sancto regnat celesti et eterno imperio. Amen.

Firmamentum Trium Ordinum.

"Firmamentum trium ordinum Beatissimi Patris nostri Francisci.

Venundantur per Johannen Petit in vico Divi Jacobi ad intersignium Floris Lilii."

This is a collection of treatises on St. Francis and his rule, and in part iv. at f. xciv *b*. to f. xcix *b*. is "Decla-

[1] Her visions will be found in Migne's Patrologiæ Cursus, vol. 197.

" ratio super regulam fratrum minorum domini Johannis
" de Pechano archiepiscopi Cantuariensis ordinis min-
" orum viri profecto suis diebus litteratissimi et vita
" clarissimi. Qui et egregium illud de sanctissima
" Trinitate officium 'Sedenti super solium' etc. cum ap-
" propriatis lectionibus 'Ingenuitas,' etc. composuisse
" dignoscitur, quod ab singularem sui excellentiam Ro-
" mana ecclesia acceptavit ubilibet decantandum."

After explaining that the name *Minores* is adopted from Matth. xxv. 45, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one " of the least (minores) of these, ye did it not to Me," and signifies that friars should show themselves inferior to all in humility and in poverty, the writer goes on to say that if the word *monachus* means living alone, it does not apply, for St. Francis did not intend to live for himself but to profit others. If, however, *monachus* refers to the mystic unity of a multitude of hearts, it suits the friars exactly. The rule of poverty is carefully discussed, and it is explained that friars do not own, but only use property and money, the *dominium* of which remains with the donors. The possession of books is defended on the ground that the obligation to preach is imperative, and implies the use of tools, which books are, just as it is not contrary to the rule to possess spades for those friars who have to work in the garden. The twelve chapters of the rule are all discussed in this manner.

Incip.—Sed quia regula Fratrum Minorum.

Expl.—Duodecimo de supererogatione ordinis et gubernatione.

Explicit quedam declaratio regule ordinis Fratrum Minorum Domini Johannis de Pechano archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, professi ordinis Fratrum Minorum multa ipsius regule obscura clarissime et utillime dilucidans.

This volume contains a Memoriale carried down to the death of Philip de Bagna Cavallo, 40th General Minister, who died in 1511, and in the portion "de Illustribus

" viris et feminis trium ordinum," Peckham is described thus (f. xliiii):—

"Frater et magister dominusque eximius Johannes de Pechano, olim lector sacri palacii, ac deinde Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, vir spiritualibus atque temporalibus totus gloriosus. Scripsit super quatuor sententiarum libros eleganter. Scripsit etiam Appologiam. Item super Cantica Canticorum. Item scripsit etiam multa parva opuscula sub uno tamen volumine. Edidit etiam officium sancte Trinitatis novum, quod in plerisque ecclesiis ipsa die Trinitati solemniter cantatur."

Canticum pauperis.

"Tractatus Fratris et domini Johannis Pecham de ordine Fratrum Minorum et Archiepiscopi Cant', intitulatus Canticum Pauperis pro dilect[o]." Vesp. D.xiii., f. 144–f. 155 *b*. Brit. Mus.

Incip. — Confitebor tibi, domine Rex et collaudabo te.

Expl.—Unam pecii a Domino, hanc requiram, ut in eam inhabitem omnibus diebus vite mee. Explicit Canticum Pauperis pro dilecto. Deo gratias.

This is the story of a man who is urged by a desire to attain happiness. He hears a voice calling to him " Quare morieris miser?" And giving up bodily and worldly pleasures, he devotes himself to philosophy. Logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, necromancy, metaphysics, moral philosophy, and law, are all tried in turn, but in none of these studies does his soul find the food it wants. He then turns to religion, and falls in with certain men, who crucify the flesh horribly, despise the fulness of the earth, and placing themselves below all humanity call themselves " the lesser brethren" ("*Fratres Minores*") in token thereof. They imitate the most famous philosophers. In poverty they are Socratic; in bareness of feet and cleanness of life, Platonic; in hardness, Academics; in

incessant search for wisdom, Peripatetics; all which they say they do for the love of Christ.

Doubting how far these practices coincide with Christ's life, who ate and drank with sinners, he consults an ancient friend of much experience who had himself changed his belt for a cord, his curled hair for the tonsure, and his embroidered vest (*fassia pectorali variata*) for a hair shirt. His counseller explains to him that ascetism is the highest life, but that members of the church of different capacities must live in different ways, and that Christ, foreseeing that heretics would condemn the use of various meats, desired to show their lawfulness. The discussion then turns upon poverty, which is shown to be Christlike and apostolic; such texts as Matthew x. 9, referring to the special occasion of sending out the apostles, being interpreted as a universal command. In answer to a cavil about bishops possessing money, the inquirer is told that this injunction was only laid upon the apostles as founders of the church, not as prelates, and therefore it does not apply to bishops. A further objection is made to the practice of friars receiving money as a body and using it through their servants. This is justified on the ground that the money still belongs to the donors, and friars are only administering it in their behalf.

Non tibi dat quisquam nisi quo vult expropriari,
Nec tu quid recipis si nolis ei dominari,
Nam precepta data sibi sunt adversa relata.
Dans sua privatur, recipit qui post dominatur.

Friars do not wish to acquire any right or title or possession in money entrusted to them, therefore they do not receive it *possessorie*, and they are nowhere forbidden to take care of the money of another.

The question of walking barefoot is also discussed and settled to the satisfaction of the applicant, who next objects that the order is new. Not new, says the ancient

friar, but renewed. This was the life of the apostles, of the heathen philosophers, of holy monks, and by means of it the Church of Christ has been established. The final objection raised is that the inquirer desires to study philosophy and fears that the length of the offices, the omission from the rule of any injunction to teach the ignorant, the imposition of corporal labour, and the prohibition of property, which includes books, will prevent him from attaining his end. The Senior reminds him that he has shown that this was the life led by philosophers (ignoring the fact that if philosophers were poor, they were free). Judas loved money and lost his wisdom. The length of the offices is exaggerated. It has not prevented men from ruling the church, from settling disputes, from writing books. Why should it hinder the pursuit of wisdom? It is thought useless to teach laymen who are unfit for learning, but the order instructs preachers to preach to them. The friar's praise of preaching fires the young man, who desires to devote himself thereto, but thinks barefoot walking in the winter and abstinence incompatible with it. It is explained that when travelling friars may eat what is put before them, and that on bare feet the true faith has gone round the world. Not quite satisfied, the inquirer asks three questions. Whether the order was heralded by visions, whether a friar may migrate to another order; and shortly, what are the manners and customs to which brethren must conform. His mentor tells him of the stigmata of St. Francis, and runs on into a wild rhapsody about biblical names, including "canis Tobie cum cauda sua ludendo," which means perseverance. He tells him that friars must not leave the order; having put their hand to the plough, they must not draw it back. The virtues which a friar must practise are then described, viz., obedience, poverty, chastity, humility, peaceful simplicity, and charity. The reply is, "Ibo vobiscum, audivi enim

" quod vobiscum est Deus et nomen civitatis ubi " dominus ibidem," etc., and he compares the heads of the rule to the gates of the Holy City, in which he determines to live all the days of his life.

There is another MS. of this work in the library of Trinity College, Dublin (MS. c. 4, 22), on vellum, of the xv. cent. It is called "Canticum Pauperum " editum a Fratre Johanne de Pecham."

Philomena

The poem called Philomena has been ascribed both to Peckham and to S. Bonaventura, and is included in the edition of works of the latter, printed at Mayence 1609 (vol. vi., pp. 424–427). It contains 360 lines. The poet commences by invoking the nightingale in a graceful strain more like the opening of a love poem than a religious one :—

Philomena prævia temporis amœni,
Quæ recessum nuncias imbris atque cœni,
Dum mulcescis animos tuo cantu leni,
Ave prudentissima,[1] ad me quæso veni.
Veni, veni, mittam te quo non possum ire
Ut amicum valeas cantu delinire,
Tollens ejus tristia[2] voce dulcis lyræ
Quem heu modo nescio verbis convenire.
Ergo pia suppleas meum imperfectum,
Salutando dulciter unicum dilectum,
Eique denuncies qualiter affectum
Sit cor meum jugiter ejus ad aspectum.[3]

The reason why he wishes the bird to go to his friend is because she is worthy of imitation by one who hopes to join the celestial choir. It is said that when she feels her death approaching, she flies into a tree at dawn, and begins to sing. As the sun rises in the heavens, her song rises louder above the trees till, at the third hour, her throat bursts. She still sings on till at midday her " viscera " give way, but still

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[1] predulcissima, Dd. iv. 35.
[2] tedia, Dd. iv. 35.
[3] prospectum, Dd. iv. 35.

Oci, oci, clamitat illo suo more
Sicque sensu deficit cantus præ labore.
Sic quassato organo[1] hujus Philomenæ
Rostro tamen palpitans fit exanguis pene.
Sed ad nonam veniens moritur jam plene.
Cum totius corporis dirumpuntur venæ.

The bird is then compared to a soul filled with virtue and love who sings on her way through the world, and the times of the day are compared to the chief religious facts in the world's history, as a mediæval christian would see them, that is to the creation and the Passion of our Lord. The soul's song of thanks and adoration to its Creator is put into words. These verses addressed to the child Jesus are full of tenderness :

O prædulcis parvule, puer sine pari
Felix cui datum est te nunc amplexari,
Pedes, manus lambere, flentem consolari
Tuis in obsequiis jugiter morari.
Heu me cur non licuit mihi demulcere
Vagientem parvulum et cum flente flere ?
Illos artus teneros sive confovere ?
Ejusque cunabulis semper assidere ?
Puto pius parvulus hoc non abhorreret,
Immo more parvuli forsan arrideret,
Et flenti pauperculo fletu condoleret.
Et peccanti facile venia faveret,
Felix qui tunc temporis Matri singulari
Potuisset precibus ita famulari,
Ut in die sineret semel osculari
Suum dulcem parvulum, eique jocari.
O quam libens balneum ei præparassem,
O quam libens humeris aquam apportassem,
In hoc libens virgini semper ministrassem
Pauperisque parvuli pannulos lavassem.

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[1] cassatis organis, Dd. iv. 35.

At a later period of the day the song takes for its subject the passion of Christ, until the enthusiasm becomes a desire to undergo the same sufferings.

"Post hoc clamat anima quasi dementata,
O reclinatorium caro cruentata,
Per tot loca propter me, cur non vulnerata
Tecum sum? Dum moreris, non sum colligata?
Licet tamen miseræ sit istud negatum,
Mihi quidem eligam novum cruciatum.
Gemitum videlicet, jugemque ploratum,
Donec mundi deseram gravem incolatum.

And the death of the bird is compared to the death of the soul to the world.

In hoc statu respuit quidquid est terrenum,
Mundique solatium reputat venenum,
Sed ad nonam veniens moritur ad plenum,
Cum amoris impetus carnis rumpit filum.

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Requiem pro anima tali non cantamus
Immo est introitus missæ. Gaudeamus.
Quia si pro martyre deum exoramus
Ut decretum loquitur, sancto derogamus.

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Jam quiescunt oculi, cessant aquæ ductus
Nam aperte percipis[1] spei tuæ fructus
Quia per quem sæculi evasisti fluctus
Tuos inter oscula consolatur luctus.

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Tunc cessabunt gemitus, et planctus dolorum
Cum adjuncta fueris choris angelorum
Nam cantando transies ad cœlestem chorum
Nupta[2] felicissimo Regi Sæculorum. Amen
Deo gratias.

Dd. iv. 35, ff. 41–45. Camb. Univ. Lib.—A MS. of the above, which may be contemporary. It is written as prose, and the first letters of each verse are rubricated.

[1] ex parte recipis, Ee. vi. 6. | [1] juncta, Ee. vi. 6.

It ends as follows :—

Sed jam metrum finio ne sim tediosus,
  Nam si vellem scribere quam deliciosus
  Sit hic status anime quamque gloriosus
  A malignis dicere fallax vel mendosus.
Quicquid tamen alii dicant, frater care,
  Istam novam martyrem libens imitare
  Dumque fueris Christum deprecare
  Ut nos cantus martiris doceat cantare. Amen.

Ee. vi. 6, ff. 53 *b*–64, Camb. Univ. Lib.—Hic Incipit Passio Salvatoris sub proprietatibus Philomene compilata a fratre Johanne * * * The next leaf has been torn out probably for the sake of an illuminated capital letter. The first verse remaining is the eighth,

  Circa vero terciam quasi modum nescit.

The verses at the end are not arranged as in the other Cambridge MS.

After "fallax et mendosus" comes—

Frequentemus canticum istud, soror pia,
  Ne nos frangat tedio mundi hujus via,
  Nam letantem animam in hoc melodia
  Post hanc vitam suscipit Jesus et Maria.
Ergo, soror, tuum cor ita cithariset,
  Se baptiset lacrimis, planctu martyriset,
  Christo totis viribus sic nunc organiset
  Ut cum Christo postea semper solemniset.
Tunc cessabunt gemitus, etc.
Sed tu cui volui monstrum destinare
  Soror novam martyrem libens imitare
  Dumque talis fueris Christum deprecare
  Ut nos cantus martyris doceat cantare.

This is a very beautiful MSS. of the xiv. century.

Digby MS. 28, f. 24. Bibl. Bodl. — A fourteenth century MS. in a bad hand of a portion ending with

  Præceptoris noluit more revereri.

Laud Misc. MS. 368, f. 216, Bibl. Bodl.—Another copy headed, "Incipit Meditacio fratris Johannis de Peccham

quondam Cantuar' Archiepiscopi de ordine Fratrum Minorum que vocatur Philomena."

This omits the last three stanzas of the printed copy.

Closely and rather carelessly written, probably about the end of xiv. century.

In this vol. at f. 168 there is another poem of the same name ascribed to John de Hoveden, clericus Regine Anglie, beginning

"Ave verbum ens in principio."

Rawlinson A. 389, f. 21.—"De Cantu Philomene. Ceterum ad excitandum mentem fidelium ad devocionem hic subicitur tractus devotissimus De Cantu Philomene mortem appropinquantis per horas diei distincto, ubi comparatur Philomena mistice anime Christiane meditantis statum et opera Salvatoris ab incarnatione usque ad mortem, sic igitur alloquitur tractator Philomenam."

A fifteenth century MS. omitting the last three stanzas. A few misreadings are corrected.

Rawlinson MS. 397, f. 78, Bibl. Bodl.—"De Cantu "Philomene." An imperfect copy, containing the first 36 stanzas, ending with

Tunc cum fletu recolit illius labores,

after which a leaf is probably lost. It recommences in the sixth stanza from the end.

Habes celi gaudium, tecum cur langueres
Et si velles amplius, certe non valeres
Quia salus omnium est cui adheres.
Sed jam metrum finio, ne sim tediosus,
Nam si vellem scribere, quam deliciosus
Sit hic status anime, quamque gloriosus,
A malignis dicerer fallax et mendosus
Quicquid tamen alii dicant, frater care,
Istam novam martirem libens imitare
Cumque talis fueris Christum deprecare
Ut nos cantus martiris doceat cantare.
Amen.

Explicit cantus Philomene devotus. Deo gratias.

As this short specimen shows, it differs frequently from the printed copy. There are a few marginal notes. It is on vellum of the xv. century.

Rawlinson MS. C. 348, f. 51, Bibl. Bodl.—A single page of a xv. century copy, beginning with the line

" Sitim, famem, frigora, estus et sudores

the first word being miswritten *statim*, and ending

" Dic dic dulcis [anima, ad quid ultra fleres]."

It is not very accurate.

Defensio Fratrum,

A poem headed by a modern hand, " Defensio Fratrum " Mendicantium, per Joh. Peckham." Dd. xiv. 20 f. ff. 294 *b*.–297, Camb. Univ. Lib

It begins with the following address to the Pope by Mundus, who complains that he is badly treated :—

" O Christi vicarie, monarcha terrarum
Vir matris ecclesie, cella scripturarum
Minister justicie, Metaque causarum
Mee querimonie aurem prebe parum.
Celi secretarii et vos cardinales
Pauli quidem socii, Petri laterales,
Vos celestes radii, doctrine canales,
Astetis propicii, sitis curiales,
Totam simul flagito Curiam Romanam.
Ut in meo placito se prestet humanam,
Rem novam non agito sed justam et sanam
Pacem tamen rogito manere mundanam
Papa beatissime, testante scriptura
Ex te pendent anime et earum cura.
Ergo pater audi me, tibi dicam plura
Quæ mihi sevissime fiunt contra jura.
In libris canonicis legitur expressum
Quod qui a maleficis se sentit oppressum
Ad wltum pontificis habeat accessum
Qui scriptis autenticis puniat excessum."

The pope asks him what is the matter, and he complains that the Minorites and Friars Preachers, but especially the Minorites, are teaching the people to rebel against his pleasures and fill the churches with the praise of those who despise him.

" Tales in me seviunt in me debachantur
Sermones constituunt, ut me prosequantur
Vestes adinveniunt ne mee[1] credantur
Et qui me despiciunt magis commendantur
Jam suis cenobiis juvenes procurant
Et promissis variis illos assecurant
Suis nam eloquis sic illos indurant.
Qui jam de suspiriis parentum non curant.
Quos volebam facere ducum paralellos
Per vicos incedere video misellos
Certe dum angustie exponunt tenellos
Lacte matris proprie dequoquunt agnellos."

And he begs the pope to put an end to it. His holiness thereupon calls upon Religion to reply, who begins by saying hard things against his adversary—

"Mundus antifrastice mundus nuncupatur
Nam fetet horrifice, mirum quod amatur."

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Hic est locus scandali, turris Babylonis,
Domus anacrotali,[1] cubile Draconis.
Mundus est fons Tantali, pascua leonis,
Laberintus Dedali et mola Sampsonis.
Tantum nunc extollitur nephas mundanorum
Quod fetor extollitur ad astra celorum
Miror quod non solvitur princeps superborum,
Quod terra non scinditur sub plantis eorum.

She is endeavouring to improve this evil condition.

"Juvenes allicio antequam senescant
Ut in Dei servicio paululum suescant,
Ne patrum vestigio forsan inherescant

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[1] Male, D. | [2] Sic for onocrotali.

Et confecti senio viciis tabescant.
Nec patres de filiis sed de sese plorent
Si vacarent viciis forte leti forent.
Ut se dent cenobiis filios implorent
Ut pro culpis propriis et parentum orent."

She acts the part of Elijah the Tishbite to Ahab and of the good Samaritan to the man who fell among thieves, but the world only pays her with laughter and faultfinding. She claims for herself comparison with Noah's ark, Jacob's ladder, and the cloud which led the Hebrews, etc. The repartee of Mundus is obvious,

Publicanum audio juxta Phariseum
'Ego me despicio, tundo pectus meum,'
Sed hic e contrario laudat ante deum
Sed humiliatio cadet super reum.

The first monks were no doubt holy, but their modern successors are like monkeys compared to men.

Et pomum discordie fit lignum eorum
Quod intrat cotidie claustrum atque chorum.

The religion of the Minors and Preachers has not waned. New orders are perpetually springing up

"Utinam totaliter fuissent submersi."

Religion then replies by a eulogy on the Franciscans.

Jam describam paululum ordinem Minorum
Qui contempnunt seculum et culmen honorum
Et peram et baculum et spem metallorum,
Vestes, pedes, cingulum, sunt testes eorum.
O felix tunicula, quæ crucem figuras
O miranda cordula, que celum insuras.[1]
O beata plantula que per vias duras
Celica cubicula corpori procuras
Franciscus Ytalicus fuit his patronus
Vir pauper et modicus sed sanctus et bonus.
Vix est pagus unicus, vix est mundi conus
Quo non sit autenticus successorum[2] sonus.

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[1] Mensuras, Digby. | [2] Successoris, D.

Stigmate quinario[1] est in carne foris
Fossus privilegio superni favoris.

The Dominicans are described in similar language.

De Predicatoribus possem multa fari
Pleni bonis moribus sunt et Christo cari,
Accincti virtutibus, honestate clari
Vacant totis viribus verbo salutari.
Confessor[2] Dominicus fuit hiis fundator
Totus evangelicus, fidei zelator,
Erat enim publicus errorum dampnator
Pro quo nunc est celicus Dei contemplator.

These are the two trumpets of the Old Testament.

The World again urges that the more Religion praises her founders the more she vilifies their successors. Look at Canons Regular, Templars, Grandimanici, Barbiferi, Picati, Saccini, Baptistæ, Cruciferi, Gillelmini, Cordati, Jacobitæ, all are going the broad road. They pray while you sleep, retorts Religion, and endure hardships which you shun. The discussion continues, in the course of which Mundus remarks,

Quod si Christi cupiunt esse sectatores
Cathedras cur ambiunt et querunt honores
Jam seipsos faciunt fieri doctores
Et Raby recipiunt et scribarum mores.
Si qui Christo pauperi volunt adherere
Cur non possunt libere loculos habere[3]
Qui conformes fieri volunt Paulo vere
Manuali opere cur nolunt studere?

Finally Religion replies in a long speech and the Pope decides in favour of the religious orders, who are bidden to live in unity with and do good to the world.

Propter quod subtilius causas ponderantes
Jubemus instrictius sub scripto mandantes,

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[1] Hujusque stigmata, D.
[2] Professor, D.
[3] implere, D.

Ut alter alterius onera portantes
Non sitis ulterius invicem turbantes.
Mandamus presentibus quod viri claustrales.
Informent[1] in moribus viros mundiales
Qui conversis vicibus ut affectuales
Ministrent claustralibus victus corporales,
Nec claustrum afficiat modus[2] hujus rei
Wlt Deus quod sentiat status Jebuzei,
Hic est ferus Goliad, hii sunt Philistei
Qui ut plus proficiant contradicunt ei.
Hanc qui contravenerit declarationem,
Incursurum meruit[3] se dampnationem
Nec habere poterit relaxationem,
Nisi prius fecerit satisfactionem.

There are seven pages each of two columns, about 40 lines to a column.

The handwriting is quite early xiv. cent., if not of Peckham's own time, but the poem has no indication of authorship in the Cambridge Manuscript. The Oxford MS., Digby, 166, f. 68, is however headed "Peckam Archiepiscopus Cant."

It is a MS. of about the same date, perhaps a little later, much contracted. It contains 13 columns of 44 lines and eight lines over.

Meditatio de sacramento.

"Incipit devota meditacio de sacramento Altaris et ejus utilitatibus, edita a fratre Johanne Picthano, ordinis minorum archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et primate totius Angliæ (Ar.)

De Sacramento secundum rationem sacrificii.

Ave, vivens hostia, veritas et vita,
In qua sacrificia cuncta sunt finita,

[1] Reforment, D.
[2] motus, D.
[3] noverit, D.

Per te stat ecclesia jugiter munita,
Per te Patri gloria datur infinita.[1]

De eodem secundum rationem sacramenti.

Ave vas clementie, scrinium dulcoris
In quo sunt delicie celici saporis
Veritas substantie tota salvatoris,
Sacramentum gratie pabulum amoris.[2]

De eodem secundum rationem viatici.

Ave manna celicum verius legali
Datum in viaticum misero mortali
Medicamen misticum morbo spiritali
Morte dans katholicum vite immortali.

De eodem secundum rationem memorialis Domini.

Ave corpus domini munus eternale.[3]
Caro juncta[2] numini, nobile jocale,
Quod reliquit homini in memoriale
Cum finalis termini mundo dixit, Vale.

De eodem secundum rationem solacii Spiritus Sancti.

Ave plenum gaudium, vita beatorum,
Pauperum solacium, honor miserorum,
Grande privilegium est hoc viatorum[5]
Quorum sacrificium merces est celorum.

De eodem secundum rationem tutissimi presidii.

Ave virtus fortium, obvians ruine,
Turris et presidium plebis peregrine,
Quam insultus hostium frangere non sine,
Ne vis malignantium preeat[6] divine.

De eodem secundum rationem duplicis nature.

Hic Jesu veraciter duplex est natura,
Non est parcialiter nec solum figura,

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[1] These two lines are tranposed in R.
[2] This stanza is not in A.
[3] Minus et finale, Ar.
[4] corpus junctum, Ar.
[5] *viatorum*] omitted in, Ar.
[6] pereat, A.

Sed essentialiter caro Christi pura
Latet integraliter brevi sub clausura.

Quod Christus aliter in celo aliter in Sacramento creditur.

Celo visibiliter caro Christi sita
Forma panis aliter latet hic vestita.
Solus novit qualiter hanc qui ponit ita
Potestque faciliter virtus infinita.

Quod corpus Christi ex continua perceptione non minuatur.

Sumptum non consumitur corpus Salvatoris,
Idem totum sumitur omnibus in horis,
Forma panis frangitur dente comestoris,
Virtus carnis sugitur morsibus amoris.

Quod corpus Christi indigna perceptione non indignum patitur.

Christus nichil patitur hujus lesionis.
Forma panis solvitur vi digestionis
Tunc si Christus queritur, est in celi thronis.
Sicut vult hinc tollitur datis vite donis.

Petitio caritatis et mansuetudinis.

Hoc ardoris calculo veni nos ignire
Hoc amoris stimulo frange motus ire
Et eodem ferculo quo vis nos[1] nutrire
Velis cordes vinculo fortiter unire.

Qualiter corpus Christi sumitur manducatione.

Moris est amantium invicem sitire
Ut archana cordium possint introire,
Sic vult rex regnantium caritatis mire
Cibando fidelium intima subire.

Petitio compunctionis et devotionis.

O Jesu dulcissime cibus salutaris
Qui sit nobis intime tribui dignaris,
Mala nostra deprime fletibus amaris

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[1] nos vis, R.

Et affectus imprime[1] quibus delectaris.

Meditatio sex utilitatum meditationis predicte devotissime etc.

O Jesu vivens hostia, placa majestatem
Sacramenti gratia confer sanitatem
Pauperum substantia da eternitatem
Domini memoria fove caritatem.
Vanitatem spernere fac nos, consolator,
Hostes dona vincere, Christe propugnator,
Et quid doces credere,[2] Jesu reparator,
Per te tandem cernere da, remunerator. Amen.

Explicit devota meditatio de suavisssimo sacramento et ejus utilitatibus cum explicatione fidei devotis mentibus alacriter ruminanda, edita a fratre Johanne de Pechano Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi et primato (sic) tocius Anglie, Ordinis Minorum (in R. only).

There are two MSS. of this poem in the British Museum, Arundel MS. 374, f. 76 *b*. and Royal MS. 2 A. II. f. 88 *b*. Both these MSS. are of the 14th century. The Royal was written by William Turnout, a Franciscan friar.

In Harleian MS. 913, f. 57 *b*., a manuscript of about the same date, there is a copy of a portion of this poem, headed as follows:—Hanc meditacionem de corpore Christi composuit Frater Johannes Pecham de ordine Fratrum Minorum, archiepiscopus Cantuariensis. In elevatione corporis Christi dicitur hec antiphona:—Ave vivens hostia, etc. In elevatione calicis:—Ave vas clemencie, etc. Oratio post elevationem:—O Jesu dulcissime, to the end.

Versus compositi a Fratre Johanne de Peccham, tocius Anglie primate de Sacramento Altaris. Rawlinson MS. c. 558, f. 157. Bibl. Bodl. De Sacramento Altaris.

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[1] Intime, Harleian MS. | [2] Vincere, Ar.

Hostia viva, vale, fidei fons gloria matris
Donum finale, vera figura patris
Vivens panis, ave, cum numine juncte suave
Me prohibens a re mis[1] memor eya fave
Manna viatorum, venie via, forma sophie
Ductor amatorum, sis mihi norma vie
Panis dulcoris celicibus esca saporis
Vas salvatoris, esto memor memoris
Presidium domine virtus plebis peregrine
Quam Deus in fine frangere neve sine
In te pane quidem sunt tres, non dii deus idem
Sunt tres non idem, non tria numen idem
Duplex natura, Deus es hominis caro plena
Pane manens pura, laus tibi verbigena
Corpus idem numero quondam de virgine natum
In cruce letatum, credo videre mero.
Panis in altari, celo caro pura videris
Visu mutari, numine non poteris
Nil etiam pateris, indignum si comedaris
Ut vis sic caperis, hostia sponte daris.
Tu qui dignaris tribui nobis et in esu
Esca salutaris mis[1] miserere Jesu. Amen.
14th cent. vellum.

Poem about confession.

Ee. vi. 6. ff. 42–53b. Camb. Univ. Lib.

"Anxia . . . . . .
Dei benefic . . . . .
siderantis a . . . . . .
cata per ingrati . . . . . .
lute anime sue dam . . . . .
memoriam reduce . . . . .
trito et animo volenti lac . . . .
ram Deo omni postposita fu . . . .
misericordia Dei licet immerito minu . . .
ando, humiliter confitentis, comp[ila]ta ut creditur a

[1] sic in MS.

fratre Johanne Peccham de ordine Fratrum Minorum, Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, metrice dicta ut patet. Quam quicunque devote recoluerit et sedula mente Christi passionem meditando dixerit veniam peccatorum impetrare penitus non timebit."

This is the rubric contained on the first leaf, which has been torn diagonally across.

The other side of the leaf is as follows:—

. . . . . sima
. . . . . ura
. . . . da quam aspera
. . . . mortis dura
. . . . mortem redditura
. . . . et reprobis tortura
. . . recolens, pavet mens impura
. . reperiens quo fiat secura
. . peccata meminit, que commisit plura
. se fedam conspicit multiplici lesura.

Hec miser quam misere miserum me feci
Dum precepta domini post tergum projeci
Prava pravis scelera, sceleribus adjeci
Mersus in profundo sum, et addictus neci
O quanta perversitas mee cece mentis
A viis justicie sepius avertentis.
Laqueum suspendidi sibi conectentis
In conspectu judicis, omnia cernentis.

After enlarging on the severity of the Divine judge, the poet turns to Christ, and narrates briefly that he suffered for man, cold and snow[1] being among the hardships he endured, an indication of a northern author.

Now, Christ is judge, but is ready to pardon:—

Ecce stat ad hostium, ecce pulsat foris
Ad te si ei aperis intrabit rex decoris
Ad ignoscendum promtus est cunctis clementer horis
Non enim vult interitum sed vitam peccatoris.

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[1] Fame siti frigore niveque lassatus.

Hinc sunt exemplaria plura tibi data
Petrus, Paulus, Maria, peccatrix appellata,
Matheus et adultera, ac latro cui peccata
Cuncta penitenti sunt in cruce condonata.
Quod si adhuc trepidas, modicus in fide
In Christi tui faciem crucifixi vide.
Et quam offert gratiam, cunctis perpendens ride
Ac omnem diffidenciam penitus abscide.
Caput habens pendulum ad te deosculandum,
Manus perforate sunt, se totum ad prestandum,
Et apertum latus est te totum ad amandum,
Et extenta brachia te ad amplexandum.
Pedes clavi fixi sunt, ad tecum manendum,
Totum corpus passum est ad te redimendum
Haud dubium quin pronus sit ad te suscipiendum.
Qui se tibi disposuit talem exhibendum.
Ecce vite janua patens et aperta
En seductos revocat veritas miserta
Et vita conqueritur, quare sit deserta
Cum sit mors in januis, et hora sit incerta.

The sinner then confesses his breaches of the divine law in every possible way, and appeals to the Saviour for mercy and pardon for himself and others, ending—

Id ipsum humiliter deposco pro prelatis
Pro amicis fratribus, parentibus cognatis
Ac pro cunctis fidelibus ut rorem pietatis
Infundas eis jugiter conjungasque beatis.
Pro animabus etiam, parentum amicorum
Benefactorum omnium fidelium defunctorum
Tibi preces offero, benigne Rex celorum
Ut dones eis requiem in secula seculorum.
Amen.

Psalterium B. V.M.

Psalterium Beate Marie de Psalmis Sacris Sumptum. Ff. vi. 14, ff. 8–22. Camb. Univ. Libr.

Incipit prologus.

Mente concipio laudes conscribere

Sacratè Virgini que nos a carcere
Solvit per filium genus in genere
Mire mirificans effectus opere
Ausum qui prebuit[1] scribendi gratiam
Sermonis tribuat in affluenciam
Ut ejus predicans laudes et gloriam
Dulcoris intimi saporem sentiam.

The prologue ends—

Benigne suscipe mater quod offero
Litusque tangere fac me quo propero
Ut maris vortices[2] cum pertransiero
Quiete vivere possim decetero.
Nec non et omnibus relaxes crimina
Pro quibus supplicans fundo precamina
Nostrumque pariter et horum nomina
Conscribi facias in vite pagina.

The Psalterium consists of the first few words of each Psalm, rubricated, and a verse in praise of the Virgin appended to each.

The first is *Beatus vir*, &c.

Ave virgo virginum parens absque pari
Sine viri semine digna fecundari
Fac nos legem Domini crebro meditari
Et in regni gloria beatificari.

There are 152 stanzas of four lines of which these are examples:—

Dominus regit me

Ave Jesse virgula gratiarum donis
Habundanter predita tu correctionis
Virga sis et baculus consolationis
Quo nos Christus pascuis collocet in bonis.

Judica me

Ave cujus thalamo judex est egressus
Causas qui determinat judicans excessus
Per quem mentis oculus tenebris oppressus
Discat ut in lumine suos ponat gressus.

Dixit Dominus

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[1] tribuit, Dd. xv. 21.

[2] vortifices, Ff. vi. 14.

Ave cujus uterus factus est castellum
Quod intravit dominus properans ad bellum
Qui sibi de restibus faciens flagellum[1]
Inimicos posuit pedum sub scabellum.

Then comes the rubric :—Conclusio operis qui scripsit sit benedictus. Amen. Followed by five more stanzas without headings from the Psalter prefixed. The last is—

Ave virgo suscipe mentis in conclavi
Verba quibus totiens veniam rogavi
Et audito tociens[2] ave tam suavi
Fac me queso liberum prorsus a ve gravi.

Explicit Psalterium Sancte Marie piissime Matris misericordie.

Vellum, xv. cent.

Dd. xv. 21, ff. 1–15, Camb. Univ. Libr.—Another MS. of a later date than the preceding, containing the Psalterium, without the headings of the Psalms. It consists of 161 stanzas. The following is last but one in this MS. but omitted in the other :—

Demum Dei genitrix laudes acceptare
Cura quas offerimus nosque presentare.
Per has Deo satagas ut cum judicare
Venerit, nos ovibus velit aggregare.

M.m. v. 36, Camb. Univ. Lib.—"A small quarto on vellum, containing ff. 83, with 17 lines in each page. It has a few illuminated letters. Date about 1300.

A mutilated "Psalterium Vulgatæ Versionis." "Each leaf contains in the margin a quaternion of Archbishop Peckham's Psalterium Beatæ Virginis Mariæ."

Sidney Sussex, D. 2, 14.—MS. of the Psalterium, without the prologue, with the headings from the Psalms rubricated. xiv. century.

Poems about age.

A poem describing the change from youth to age. Ee. vi. 6, ff. 40–41 *b*. Camb. Univ. Lib.

Dum juvenis crevi, ludens numquam requievi

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[1] flabellum, Dd. xv. 21. | [2] Sepius, Dd. xv. 21.

Sepe senes sprevi, cor deliciisque replevi,
Sperans mente levi, semper sanum fore me vi.

But now

Aures surdescunt, manus et caput, ossa tremescunt
Dentes putrescunt, mala membris undique crescunt
Cor dolet et pectus, gravat ire, placet mihi lectus.

* * *

Tempus adest vere, misero mihi crimina flere
Et veniam petere, mihi Christe Jesu miserere.

* * *

Atque Deo digno, me tota mente resigno
Quem crucis in ligno salvavit sanguine signo
Post mortem duram de me Deus accipere curam
Et tunc securam mihi vitam redde futuram. Amen.

In the same hand as other poems in the same volume. (See p. cviii.).

The Cambridge Catalogue states that this poem is "most probably by John Peccham."

Constitutions.

The provincial Constitutions of Archbishop Peckham, passed at Reading and Lambeth, were referred to in the preface to the first volume (pp. lxv. and lxvi), but have not been reprinted, as they are not to be found in the Register, and are included in Wilkins' Concilia. There are numerous MSS. of them, of which I have compiled a list. Wilkins has not taken the best copies, and the order in which the statutes occur in some MSS. does not always agree with his text. I have therefore given the headings of the statutes and numbered them, for convenience of reference.

Constitutions of Reading. Wilkins, II. 33.

Cap. I. *De Institutionibus et Destitutionibus:*—Audistis fratres conscripti.

Cap. II. *De Institutionbus et Ecclesiarum Commendis:*—Ut constitutio ista.

Cap. III. *De sententiis excommunicationis publice denunciandis:*—Quoniam malum, nisi cognitum.

Cap. IV. *De pueris baptizandis:*—Quod in præsenti constitutione.

Cap. V. *De concubinariis puniendis*:—Quia incontinentiæ vitium clerum.

MSS. of the Constitutions of Reading.

Harleian MS. 2349, ff. 64–71, B.M.—Incipiunt Constitutiones in Concilio apud Reding celebrate de Institutionibus et Destitutionibus.

In Cap. III, this MS. reads *novam cartam* for *magnam cartam*. Of the xiv. cent.

Harleian MS. 52, ff. 75–81. B.M.—The Council of Reading. The prologue differs from that printed by Wilkins. *Incip.*:—Cum recolende memorie patres sanctissimi Otto et Ottobonus in partibus Anglicanis. *Expl.*:—Ne quis ab eorundem incursu seu pretextu ignorancie se valeat excusare. "Hic lecta fuit con-" silium Ottoboni a principio usque capitulum *De* " *Baptismo*. Quo perlecto subjunctum fuit," Cap. IV.

" Hic prosecutus est lector concilium Ottoboni usque " titulum *De Concubinariis*."

Then follows Cap. V. *Lubricitatis* being substituted for *incontinentie*.

" Hic continuavit lector concilium Ottoboni usque " ad titulum, *De Institutionibus*."

Then follows Cap. I.:—" Rediit Lector ad concilium " Ottoboni usque constitutionem *De Commendis* et ibi " recitabantur due Constitutiones Gregoriane, una *De* " *Institutionibus* et alia *De Comendis* que sunt iste." The Constitutions are recited, and then the archbishop " says:—Fratres dilectissimi, questiones istas coram vobis " fecimus recenter in publico recitari ut recentem ip-" sarum habentes memoriam in mentem summi pon-" tificis circa constitutiones hujusmodi evidenter " cognoscatis, quam etiam per organum oris nostri " vobis precepit exponi vestro ministerio que est ista."[1]

Then follows Cap. II., and a statute of Boniface about royal prohibitions.

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[1] This is the passage described in Harl. 3705 as "De supplicatione " quadam facta Domino papæ, " etc."

"Quibus expletis totum concilium de Lamheth perlegatur. Legatur et postea confirmatio sedis apostolice subsecuta, nonobstante appellatione que per dominum Regem dicitur interjecta. Quo expleto, legatur tercio nova cartare colende memorie domini Henrici Regis Anglie prelatis et baronibus in commune concessa, que excommunicationis sententia lata in violatores carte ipsius, quam incurrerent ipso facto, per archiepiscopos et episcopos in commune vallata exstiterat. Legatur et postea confirmacio sedis apostolice super carta hujus subsecuta, Innocentii videlicet et Alexandri quarti. Quarto, legantur articuli summatim extracti de iiij. conciliis antedictis."

Then Cap. III. The excommunication of pluralists follows that of the infringers of Magna Carta, but is not printed by Wilkins.

"Quibus expletis ex parte domini Archiepiscopi dicantur verba subscripta:—Audistis fratres, etc.

"Dat. Redyng' kal. Augusti anno Incarnationis dominicæ MCCLXX nono consecrationis nostre anno primo."

The MS. is early xiv. cent. There is a list of the statutes at f. 40.

Harleian MS. 3705 ff. 31.–42 B.M.—Incipiunt constitutiones de Redyng celebrate iii. idus. A.D. MCC. 62, per dominum Johannem Pecham quondam Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum. xvth cent.

Caps. IV., V., I.—De supplicatione quadam facta domino papæ ex parte prælatorum et Regis Anglie pro reformatione quorundam gravaminium ecclesiarum et ministrorum earundem.[1] Cap. II., Cap. III. De custodia Eucharistie et ejusdem veneratione (Wilkins II. 48). De mutando crismate singulis annis. (*Ibid.* p. 48.) De exequiis episcoporum celebrandis (Ibid. p. 48). De effrenanda sanctarum monialium vagandi licentia (ad

[1] Same as Harl. 52.

effrenandum vagandi licentiam, etc. Wilkins II., 61, with verbal differences.) De ornamentis ecclesiæ, etc. (Wilkins, p. 49.)

Harleian MS. 335. ff. 54 *b*–57, B.M.—Incipiunt constitutiones edite per fratrem Johannem Peccham apud Redyng, episcopum Cant'. A.D. millesimo cc^{mo}, xxx^{o}, xiii^{o} This MS. omits Caps. IV. and V.

In Cap. III. in the paragraph beginning "Undecimo" this MS. reads for *magnam cartam, magnas cartas domini regis de libertatibus ecclesie.* xvth cent.

Royal MS., 9 B. II., ff. 21–23. B.M.—Ordinatio et decreta per fratrem J. de Petham Cant'. Archiepiscopum apud Redyng'.

"Ordinatio facta apud Reding, iiij Kal. Aug. et tribus diebus sequentibus, anno gratie mcc. lxxix. per fratrem Johannem de Pecham Cant'. Archiepiscopum totius Anglie primatem in presencia dominorum Winton', Wygorn', Oxon', Cicester', Bangoren', London', Heref', Bathon', Norwic', et Roff' episcoporum et aliorum episcoporum absentium procuratorum, necnon adjectiones predicti fratris J. ad quedam capitula conciliorum Oxon'; scilicet, beati Stephani, Ottonis, Ottoboni, Bonifacii et declarationes ejusdem fratris J. super eisdem capitulis et etiam duobus capitulis Gregorianis ultimi Concilii Lugdunensis."

Not in the same order as in Wilkins, and the preambles not identical. The Statutes of Otto and Ottobon to which these are additions, are mentioned. xv. cent.

Royal MS., 10 C. I. ff. 15–16 *b*. B.M.—Quæstiones de Redinges per Johannem Archiepiscopum Cant'.

In the following order:—Caps. IV., V., I., II., III., omitting the two last paragraphs of III., and part of the previous one. xiv. cent.

Lambeth MS., 778, f. 78*b*.—Incipiunt constitutiones de Redyng celebrate iii., id. Aug. A.D. millesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo secundo per Dominum Johannem

Pecham quondam Cantuar' Archiepiscopum. Part of Cap. I. *De Institutionibus, et Destitutionibus,* is missing. After this comes,

"De supplicatione quandam facta domino Papæ ex parte prelatorum et Regis Angliæ pro reformatione quorundam gravaminum ecclesiarum et ministrorum eorundem."

Incip. Fratres dilectissimi, constitutiones istas coram vobis fecimus recenter in publico recitari.

Expl. Quarto legantur articuli summatim extracti * * * Nisi cognitum.

Cap. II.—De Institutionibus et ecclesiarum commendis.

Cap. III.—De sententiis excommunicationis publice denunciandis. After the 11th paragraph comes this :—"Nota quod iste sententie sunt pronunciande quater in anno: viz., die Dominica proxima post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli. Item, Media Dominica Quadragesime. Item, Dominica proxima post festum S. Trinitatis. Item, Dominica proxima post festum S. Petri quod dicitur ad Vincula. Et nota quod qui impetrant illegitime prohibitionem regis sunt excommunicati." xv. cent."

Lambeth MS. 538. ff. 70*b*–79.—Incipiunt constitutiones domini Johannis Pecham Cantuariensis archiepiscopi edite apud Redyng, iii. kal. Augusti, A.D. 1279. A xiv. cent. MS.

Selden supra 43 Bibl. Bodl. — Incipiunt constitutiones fratris Johannis de Peccham Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi edite per ipsum et ceteros suffraganeos suos apud Redyng, iiij. kal. Augusti anno Domini MCCLXXIX, anno pontificatus sui primo, necnon additiones, declarationes et decreta ejusdem super quibusdam capitulis prius editis in consilio Oxon' in Lambith, ac etiam Otho et Octobon' et ultimi consilii Lugdun'.

Cap. I.—Rubricated De Pluralitate beneficiorum. The second part of Cap. III., beginning, "Audistis

" fratres carissimi," is rubricated, "De aliis sententiis " in quibus incurrit prelatus ipso facto." A good xvth century MS., on vellum.

Bodleian MS. 794, f. 178, Bibl. Bodl. Constitutiones edite apud Reddygg' per Johannem de Peccham Cant'. Archiepiscopum, necnon additiones et declarationes ejusdem. A.D. MCCLXXIX. pontificatus sui anno primo.

Preamble beginning:—" Cum recolende memorie patres sanctissimi Othonis et Octoboni in partibus Anglicanis apostolice legationis fungens officio," in which he reviews the legislation of his predecessors. Then Cap. IV., Cap. V. Cap. I., Cap. II., Cap. III.

Mem. quod Octo et Octobonus preceperunt sua concilia recitari ut supra.

A statute forbidding parish churches to be conferred on persons under 25 years. *Incip*:—Licet canon a fe . . re. Alex. Papa iii.

" *Lectis capitulis supra proximo sequatur declaracio domini archiepiscopi in hunc modum*:—Hec autem volentes discimus, &c., Ends " recipiant in futurum."

Rawlinson MS., C. 100, f. 141*b*–144, Bibl. Bodl. Hic incipiunt Constitutiones de Redyng' edite ibidem per fratrem Johannem Peccheham Cantuar' Archiepiscopum iii. kal. Augusti anno Domini MCCLXXIX. et consecrationis sue anno primo.

xiv. cent., part paper, part vellum.

Digby MS. 58, f. 111 *b*.–f. 112 *b*. Bibl. Bodl.—Constitutions of Reading.

The rubric is nearly illegible. The text begins near the end of Cap. I., " Et ad beneficiorum vacantium," then Cap. II. and the beginning of Cap. I. as far as *Scandalum plurimorum*. xiv. cent. vellum.

All Souls Coll. MS, 42, f. 236, Oxon.—Incipiunt constitutiones fratris Johannis Pecham archiepiscopi Cant' apud Redyng.

xv. cent. MS. on vellum, with a few marginal notes.

Exeter Coll. MS. 41, f, 180 *b*. Oxon.—Incipiunt constitutiones de Redyng edite ibidem per fratrem Johannem Pecham Cantuar' archiepiscopum iii. kal. Aug. A.D. MLXXIX (sic,) et consecrationis sue anno iii.

A fine MS. of the beginning of the xv. century.

Exeter Coll. MS. 31, f. 226 *b*. Oxon.—Hic incipiunt declarationes et Constitutiones Fratris Johannis de Pecham quondam Cantuar' Archiepiscopi totius Anglie primatis, edite apud Redyng, iij. kal. Augusti A.D. MCCLXXIX. pontificatus sui anno primo.

Incip.—Cum recolende memorie.

Cap. V., Cap. I., Cap. II., Cap. III.

End of xiv., cent. vellum.

Baliol Coll. MS. 158, f. 156–158, Oxon.—Incipit consilium factum apud Redyng' celebratum per Johannem Pecham assistentibus sibi suis suffraganeis.

xv. century. Several false readings have been corrected by another hand.

Brasenose Coll. MS. 14, f. 160 *b*.–f. 162 *b*. Oxon.—Incipiunt Constitutiones aput Redyng' celebrate per Consilium Provinciale, [per fratrem [Johanne]m Peccham Cant' archiepiscopum, iij. kal. Augusti anno MCCLXXIX].[1]

A xv. century MS. In Cap. V. the scribe has written *innocencie* for *incontinentie.*

I.i. ii. 7, pp. 421–6, Camb. Univ. Lib.—Incipiunt constituciones Johannis de Peccham quondam Canthuar' Archiepiscopi, edite apud Reddigge, quorum capitula sunt hec. De Baptismo, De concubinis et incontinenciis clericorum, De pluralitate beneficiorum (De institutionibus et destitutionibus, Wilkins), De Institutionibus et commendis, De multimodis excommunicationis sententiis. Vellum, xv. century.

I.i.ii.15, ff. 9–10, Camb. Univ. Libr.:—Hic incipiunt Constituciones Redingie edite a domino J. archiepiscopo Cantuariensi. In the following order Caps. I., IV., V., II., III.

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[1] This is added by another hand.

The paragragh beginning "Audistis fratres carissimi" is rubricated:—De Institucionibus de Concilio Octoboni. Vellum xiv. cent.

I. i. ii. 28, f. 2.—A fragment containing the Constitutions of Reading, Caps IV., V., and I. xiv. cent.

I. i. iii. 14, ff. 367*–372. Camb. Univ. Libr.—Incipit concilium factum apud Reding, celebratum per Johannem Pecham, assistentibus sibi suis suffraganeis, et aliis procuratoribus ibidem. Vellum xv. cent.

G.g. iv. 21, No. 3. Camb. Univ. Lib.—Incipiunt Constitutiones seu declaraciones de Redyng edite ibidem per fratrem Johannem Peccham Cantuar' Archiepiscopum, A.D. MCCLXXIX, super certis articulis prius editis in consiliis Oxon [et] Lameth, Othonis et Ottoboni. Paper, xv. cent. (not paged).

This is the MS. referred to by Wilkins as MS. Elien. No. 235, "it being at that time in Bp. Moore's Library and bearing that number in Moore's catalogue."

Dd. ix. 38, f. 57, Camb. Univ. Lib.—Incipiunt constitutiones de Redyngg.

Under this heading are the statutes printed in Wilkins, II. 48.

Cap. III. (De obsequiis episcoporum faciendis) is divided into the following chapters. De Suffragiis episcoporum, De indulgentiis, De purgatione clericorum dampnatorum, De monialibus, De multipli cantibus beneficia ecclesiastica. The last is not in Wilkins. It commences:—"Item omnes qui sibi beneficia ecclesiastica multiplicant." *Ends,* "nostre gratie supposuerunt." Vellum, xiv. cent.

Pembroke Coll. MS. 145, f. 6, Camb.—Concilium apud Redyngiam sub domino Johanne Cantuar', Archiepiscopo . . . celebratum, 4 kal Augusti anno gratie MCCLXXIX.

Corpus Christi, lxxxiv, Camb.—Constitutions of Reading as in Wilkins.

Constitutions of Lambeth, Wilkins, II. 51.

Preamble. Ab exordio nascentis ecclesiæ Christianæ.

Cap. I. *De custodia Eucharistiæ*:—Altissimus de terra assumpti.

Cap. II. *De annualibus et anniversariis celebrandis*:—Sacerdotes insuper caveant universi.

Cap. III. *De baptismo*:—Circa sacramentum baptismi.

Cap. IV. *De sacramento confirmationis*: — Confirmationis insuper sacramentum.

Cap. V. *Ne quinque ordines simul conferantur*:—Cum secundum doctores catholicos.

Cap. VI. *De confessione*:—Sacramentum pœnitentiæ naufragantium.

Cap. VII. *De pœnitentia solemni*:—Præterea cum juxta sacros canones.

Cap. VIII. *De uno confessore in quolibet decanatu faciendo*:—Licet a sanctis patribus.

Cap. IX. *De informatione simplicium*:—Ignorantia sacerdotum populum.

Cap. X. *De septem articulis fidei*:—Sciendum est igitur.

Cap. XI. *De septem articulis pertinentibus ad humanitatem Christi*:—Item alii septem articuli.

Cap. XII. *De decem mandatis*:—Item decem mandatorum.

Cap. XIII. *De septem operibus misericordiæ*: — Septem sunt opera misericordiæ.

Cap. XIV. *De sententia excommunicationis publicanda*:—Eisdem etiam temporibus publicentur.

Cap. XV. *De hospitalitate tenenda*:—Præterea, cum sacro testante eloquio.

Cap. XVI. *De certificationibus faciendis*:—Quidam ruralium decanorum.

Cap. XVII. *De falsis procuratoriis non signandis*:—Ex horrenda quorundam malitia.

Cap. XVIII. *Ne fiant clandestinæ inquisitiones*:—Per provinciam nostram.

Cap. XIX. *De firmis:*—Vendentes et ementes de templo.

Cap. XX. *De religiosis:*—Plures religiosas domos invenimus.

Cap. XXI.—*De corruptoribus monialium:*—Tantum invaluit detestandæ.

Cap. XXII. *Item de eodem:*—Sanctimoniales plurimæ in vagationis.

Cap. XXIII. *De apostatis:*—Præterea sunt nonnulli.

Cap. XXIV. *Ne religiosi executores testamentorum fiant:*—Religiosa sinceritas ab omni secularis.

Cap. XXV. *De habitu clericali:*—Quamvis nomen religionis vitæ.

Cap. XXVI. *De filiis presbyterorum:*—Cum a jure sit inhibitum.

Cap. XXVII. *De institutionibus:*—Ex solito cursu causarum.

Cap. XXVIII. *De clericis plura beneficia occupantibus:*—Languor prolixior gravat medicum.

Cap. XXIX. *De advocatis:*—Veloces ad audiendum.

Cap. XXX. *De suffragiis episcoporum:*—Ingratitudinis vitium plurimum.

MSS. of the Constitutions of Lambeth.

Harleian MS. 335, ff. 57*b*-65*b*.—Incipiunt constitutiones fratris Johannis Peccham Cant'. Archiepiscopi. editi apud Lameth, A.D. 1281. xv. cent.

The date of the month is given as "Novembris. D. Litera Dominicali currente."

This and other MSS. begin Cap. xiii., "Sex autem "opera misericordie." Here the description of the seventh is in the margin, but in some it is in the text. Wilkins has needlessly altered *sex* to *septem*.

Harleian MS. 52, ff. 85–92, B.M.—Constitutiones fratris Johannis divina miseracione Cantuar'. Archiepiscopi. xiv cent.

Harl. MS. 2349, f. 71–89 *b*. B.M.—The constitutions of Lambeth. xiv. cent.

Harl. MS. 3705, ff. 42–55*b*.—Incipit prologus cum prohemium (*sic.*) constitucionum editarum apud Lambeth, a domino Johanne Pecham, sexto Idus Oct. A.D. 1281. As in Wilkins. xv. cent.

Lambeth MS. 538, ff. 105–129.—Incipiunt constitutiones a domino Johanne Pecham Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo editæ apud Lameth. A.D. 1281. 6 Id. Nov.

This is the MS. referred to by Wilkins as Lambeth MS. 17.

It is followed by the Statute *De Chrismate singulis annis conficiendo.* Wilkins II., p. 48. xv. cent.

Lambeth MS. 460, f. 1–119 *b*.—A copy of the constitution "*De Informatione Simplicium*" and the five following (Lambeth, Caps. ix–xiii), with a lengthy treatise on the subjects suggested by it. The writer was probably a monk, and the word Holme written on f. 123 *b* may be his name. That he was a monk is suggested by his remarks on the duty of singing well and earnestly in the choir.

"Hii sunt," he says, "qui psalmos corrumpunt nequiter almos."

Jangeler cum japer napper galper quoque dragger,
Momeler forskipper forrener sic overhipper.
Fragmina verborum Titivillus colligit horum."

At f. 120 is a treatise on the seven sacraments by the same author. xiv century.

Lambeth MS. 778, f. 27 *b*.—Incipit prologus sive prohemium constitutionum editarum apud Lambeth, a domino Johanne Pecham 6 id. Oct. 1281.

Some leaves are lost after f. 27; f. 29, containing caps. viii. to xi.; f. 31. caps. xv. to xvii.; f. 33. caps. xxvi., xxvii. and part of xxviii.

Digby MS. 58, f. 97–111, Bibl. Bodl.—Constitutions of Lambeth. Preamble, Cap. I. "*Item de custodia sacramenti ex synodali statuto:*—Sint Rectores eccle-

siarum, &c. Cap. II., Cap. III. *Item additio . . . de synodo:*—Baptismus cum magna, &c., Cap. IV. *De eodem ex synodo:*—Items acerdotes frequenter moneant. Cap. V. *De eodem ex synodo:*—Item nullus ad ordines. Cap. VI. This is divided in two, the second part being rubricated, *De presbyteris privilegiatis in confessione.* Cap. VII. Cap. VIII. *De penitentia additio ex synodo.* Item sacerdos in penitentia. *De extrema unctione ex synodo:*—Cum magna reverencia. *De sacramento matrimonii ex synodo:*—Matrimonium similiter. Cap. IX., Cap. X., Cap. XI., Cap. XII., XIII., Cap. XIV. is much shortened, Caps. XV., XVI., XVII., XVIII., XIX., XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., the rubric *De apostatis* is put back to "Idem etiam," XXIV., XXV., XXVI., XXVII., XXVIII., XXIX., XXX.

Fourteenth century, the rubrics nearly illegible.

Tanner MS. 196, ff. 157 *b*–159, Bibl. Bodl. — Constituciones Fratris Johannis Peccham apud Lameth, Cant' Archiepiscopi Anno Domini MCCLXXX primo.

Caps. XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., XXIV. A MS. of the 15th century, on vellum.

Selden, supra 43; Bibl. Bodl. —Incipiunt Constitutiones fratris Johannis de Peccham Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi edite apud Lamhith, vi. Idus Octobris Anno Domini MCCLXXXI. XV century, vellum.

MS. Selden, supra, 43 f. 169–176, Bibl. Bodl.—Constitutiones Peccham editæ apud Lamheth, A.D. MCCLXXXI.

As in Wilkins to nearly the end of Cap. XIV., then the following statutes of the council of Oxford in 1222:—

Quod in amplis Ecclesiis duo vel tres sint sacerdotes. Incip: Ad instar patris evangelici.

De juramento prestando episcopo a presentato. Incip: Presenti etiam statuto.

Qui debeant causas matrimoniales audire. Item quoniam in causis matrimonialibus.

Ne decani rurales in causa matrimoniali cognoscant. Item quoniam nonnunquam.

Ne latro recipiatur. Prohibemus etiam.

Ne archidiaconi suos gravent subditos in visitatione. Item ut singula ecclesiastica beneficia.

Ne archidiaconi procurationem recipiant cum non visitant:—Ad hoc archidiaconis districtius prohibemus.

Quod nulla dignitas tradatur ad firmam:—Ut omnes cupiditas.

De officio Archidiaconi in visitatione et canone de custodia sacramentali:—Et autem archidiaconi secundum apostolum.

De sententiis promulgandis:—Ad hoc ecclesiastici ordinis.

Ne quid pro ecclesiasticis sacramentis recipiatur:—Firmiter etiam inhibemus.

Ne quis pacem inter litigantes impediat:—Ceterum autem districtius.

De infamia injuste imposita:—Propter suggestiones.

De Habitu clericorum:—Ut clericalis ordinis.

De concubinis clericorum:—Attendentes ne clerici beneficiati.

Ne res ecclesiastice aliquo modo alienentur:—Ecclesiarum autem indempnitatibus.

Ne de bonis Ecclesiasticis in laicali fundo edificia construantur:—Ut veri videamur.

De ratiociniis reddendis rerum religiosorum per obedientiales:—Item ut rectius gerantur.

De Habitu Monialium:—Ad hoc quia sexum muliebrem. This finishes with the end of cap. xxiv.

De honestate clericorum. Cap. xxv. Lambeth.

De filiis presbyterorum. Cap. xxvi.

De Institutionibus. Cap. xxvii.

De occupantibus beneficia injuste. Cap. xxviii.

De Advocatis. Cap. xxix.

De Suffragiis episcoporum. Cap. xxx.

xv. century, vellum.

Hatton MS. 109 (12), Bibl. Bodl. — De consecratione ecclesiæ vel Altaris, Constitutio Johannis de Pecham apud Lambeth.

The heading is wrong. It should be "De penitentia "solenni." Lambeth, Cap. vii. Wilkins, II. 54.

It is followed by another statute headed as above, beginning "Quo ad opinionem hominum qui eam pol- "luunt," and ending "principale sequitur accessorium." A small xiv. century vellum MS.

Rawlinson MS. C. 100, f. 118–124 *b.*, Bibl. Bodl.—Concilium fratris Johannis de Peccham archiepiscopi Cant'. celebratum apud Lameth' Anno Domini M.CC.LXI. (*sic*).

"Mortalia peccata" in place of "capitalia" in Cap. xiii.

"Gratie sacramenta" for "ecclesie" in same chapter, which is subdivided here and in other MSS. Has a few marginal notes. An early xiv. century MS., vellum.

Rawlinson MS. C. 428, f. 139 *b.*–142 *b.*, Bibl. Bodl.—Concilium fratris Jo. de Peccham Archiepiscopi Cant'. celebratum apud Lamuth'. Anno Domini MCCLXXX. primo.

Imperfect. Part of Cap. xii. and the remainder lost. Vellum. xiv. century.

Rawlinson MS. A. 423, ff. 16–23, Bibl. Bodl.—Hic incipiunt constitutiones de Lambhethe a fratre Johanne de Pecham, Cantuariensi archiepiscopo edite.

Last clause omitted in Cap. I., Cap. V., Caps. XIV. to end are erased, and some of the leaves torn out, just leaving the date at the end legible.

A small well written fifteenth century MS. rubricated, with capitals in gold and blue.

Exeter Coll. MS. 31, f. 228*b.*—Consilium fratris Johannis de Pecham Cantuar'. archiepiscopi celebratum apud Lameth, anno MCÇLXXIX. A MS. of the end of the xiv. cent.

Exeter MS. 41, f. 182*b.*—Constitutiones J. Pecham. anno Domini MCC. 81. A fine fifteenth cent. MS.

Magdalen Coll., MS. 185, f. 19*b.*, Oxford.—Incipiunt constitutiones apud Lambuth per dominum Jo. de Pechame Arch. Cant. edite.

Omits the preamble "Ab exordio nascentis."

Caps. XV.–XXI. are wanting, a leaf having been cut out. A good xv. cent. MS.

All Souls Coll. MS. 42, f. 238*b*.—Incipiunt alie constitutiones ejusdem apud Lambyth. xv. cent.

Brasenose Coll. MS. 14, f. 162*b*. Incipiunt Constitutiones fratris Johannis Peccham Cant. archiepiscopi apud Lamhuth. A.D. MCCLXXXI.

Not very correct, *e.g.*, in Cap. VIII., *pluribus* for *patribus*. In Cap. XXII. *vacationis* for *vagationis*. Cap. XXVII. *cultu* for *cursu*. xv. cent.

Baliol Coll., MS. 158, f. 149*b*.–155.—Incipiunt constitutiones fratris Johannis Pecham archiepiscopi Cantuariensis edite apud Lameth anno Domini millesimo CCLXXXI.

A MS. of the beginning of the xv. cent. vellum.

Baliol Coll., MS. 301, f. 191,—Incipiunt constitutiones Johannis de Pekham edite apud Lambeth in concilio ibidem celebrato et recitate in ultima actione dicti concilii die Veneris vi. Idus Octobris E. Litera Dominicali currente A.D. MCCLXXXI. indictione ix. Pontificatus domini Martini pape quarti primo, anno regni illustris Edwardi Regis Anglie IX. et consecrationis venerabilis patris fratris Johannis de Pekham istarum constitutionum celebratoris Cant'. archiepiscopi anno tercio.

A large xiv. cent. MS. carefully written, rubricated and illuminated.

Corpus Christi Coll. MS. 145, f. 90. Oxford.—De annalibus secundum Peccham :—Constitutions of Lambeth, Caps. II., VI., IX.

Ibid. f. 92 *b*.—Quod nulli detur corpus Domini nisi prius constet ipsum fuisse confessum testimonio fidedigno, secundum Peccham :—Parochiales insuper.

f. 92.—Lambeth Cap. XVI. Late xiv. cent.

Dd. ix. 38, f. 49–53. Camb. Univ. Lib.—Constitutions of Lambeth. Vellum, xiv cent., with many marginal notes, some of which are quotations from the fathers bearing on the subject of the Constitutions.

Gg. vi. 21. No. 6. Camb. Univ. Lib.—Incipiunt constituciones fratris Johannis Peccham Cant.' Archiepiscopi apud Lameth edite, A.D. MCC. LXXVI. (*sic*).

The date at the end is "die Veneris, vi. Idus Octobris " A.D. MCCLXXXI., indictione nona, pontificatus domini " Martini Papæ quarti primo, et anno regni Regis " Edwardi ix., et nostræ consecrationis anno tercio."

Paper xv. cent.

Ii. ii. 7, pp. 427–441, Camb. Univ. Lib.—Incipiunt constituciones J. de Peccham edite apud Lamhethe in concilio ibidem celebrato et recitate in ultima actione dicti concilii die Veneris, vi. Id. Oct. E. litera dominicali currente, A.D. MCCLXXXI. Indictione ix. pont. D. Martini papæ IV., primo, anno regis Anglie ix et consecrationis venerabilis patris Johannis de Pecham istarum constitucionum celebratoris, Canth' Archiepiscopi, anno tercio. Vellum, xv. cent.

Ii. III. 14. f. 353*–367. Camb. Univ. Libr.—Constitutions of Lambeth. In Cap. XXVI., reads *a me* for *a jure*. No date at the end. Vellum, xv. cent.

Pembroke Coll. MS. 145, f. 8, Camb.—Concilium apud Lambithe a domino Johanne de Pecham Cantuar' Archiepiscopo . . . Celebratum anno Domini MCC. octogesimo primo.

Corpus Christi Coll. MS. 271. Camb. — Constitutions of Lambeth. A beautiful fourteenth century MS.

Corpus Christi Coll. MS. 84.—Incipiunt Constitutiones fratris J. de Peccham Cant' Archiepiscopi apud Lambethe, edite A.D. 1281. A good xv. century MS.

Trinity Coll., Dublin, MS. E. 2, 22.—" Incipiunt Con- " stituciones de Lamehuye, Anno Domini MCCLXXXI.

" Acta sunt hec in concilio de Lamehuth celebrato " et recitata lis ultima accione dicti concilii die " Veneris, vi. Idus Novembris." xv. cent.

Trinity College, Dublin, MS. B. 5, 3.—The Statute *De Informatione Simplicium.* (Lambeth, Cap. IX.)

Expl. :—Credimus largiri gratiam si animo sincero contrahatur. xv. cent.

Ii. ii. 28, f. 2, Camb. Univ. Libr.—A fragment of three leaves, in a 14th cent. hand, with blanks left for illuminated capitals.

f. 2 contains Reading, Caps. IV., V. I.

ff. 3, 4 contain Lambeth, Caps. IV. to XIV. not completed.

There are also a few statutes not assigned to either of these councils, which are printed in Wilkins II. 48.

Cap. I. *De Eucharistia custodienda.* Dignissimum eucharistiæ sacramentum.

Cap. II. *De chrismate singulis annis conficiendo.* Quum sacri chrismatis consecratio.

Cap. III. *De obsequiis episcoporum faciendis.* Sanctum et salubre novimus.

Cap. IV. *De ornamentis ecclesiæ ad parochianos pertinentibus, et de arboribus crescentibus in cœmeterio.* Ad doctrinam præsentium et memoriam.

MSS. of Statutes.

Harleian MS. 52, f. 81 *b.*, 82 *b.* B.M.

De Custodia Eukaristie. Wilkins II. 48.

De confectione sacri crismatis. Ibid II. 48.

Pro episcopis defunctis. Ibid II. 49.

De Indulgentiis episcoporum.

De monialibus.

De procuratoribus clericorum ad parliamentum.

These four are all printed by Wilkins under the head "*De obsequiis episcoporum faciendis.*" Early xiv. century.

Lambeth MS. 778, f. 25 *b.*—*De Custodia Eucharistie* et *ejusdem veneratione.* Wilkins. II., 48, but begins:—Cum sacratissimum eukaristie.

f. 25 *b.*—De mutando crismate singulis annis, Wilkins, II. 48.

f. 26.—De exequiis episcoporum celebrandis. *Ibid.* 48.

f. 26 *b.*—De effrenanda sanctarum monialium vagandi licentia.

Incip.—Ad effrenandam vagandi licentiam oportunitate captata.

Expl.—Licentiam tribuerint indiscretam.

f. 27.—De arboribus et herbis crescentibus in cimiteriis dedicatis vel aliis locis sacris. *Ib.* p. 49, col. 2. Ceterum advertentes.

After *puniendos* is a statement of the right of the rector to the trees in the churchyard, which he may cut down for repairs, but not otherwise, as they are planted for the protection of the church against tempests; and also of the rights of curates to excommunicate for detention of tithes, with reference to authorities.

Baliol MS. 158, f. 165 *b.*—Incipit hic statutum Johannis Pecham Cant' Arch', anno Domini milesimo . . . Wilkins, II. 48. Vellum. xv. century.

I.i. iii. 14. f. 388. Camb. Univ. Lib.—Incipit hic statutum Johannis Peccham Cant' Archiepiscopum Anno Domini M . . . . Wilkins, II., 48, 49. Vellum, xv. cent.

G.g. vi. 21, No. 7, Camb. Univ. Lib.—Hec constitucio sequens est constitucio Johannis Peccham secundum aliquos libros.

De mutando crismate singulis annis (Wilkins, p. 48. c. ii.) Paper, xv. cent.

Exeter Coll. MS. 41, f. 187 *b.*—Hec est constitutio sequens Johannis Pecham secundum aliquos libros de mutando crismate singulis annis. Wilkins, ii. 48, cap. II. Beginning of xv. cent.

Lambeth MS. 538, f. 129. The statute *De Chrismate singulis annis conficiendo.* Wilkins II., 48. xv. cent.

Dd. ix., 38, f. 57, Camb. Univ. Libr.—Wilkins, p. 48, Cap. III. De obsequiis episcoporum faciendis. See a fuller description among the MS. of the Reading Constitutions.

Selden supra 43, f. 182, Bibl. Bodl.—Constitutio J. Peccham archiepiscopi edita super ornamentis ecclesiarum, scilicet que pertinent ad rectorem, que ad parochianos. Wilkins, p. 48, Cap. IV.

The ornaments assigned to the parishioners are " Calix, missale, vestimentum ipsius ecclesie principale, " viz., cassula, alba munda, amicta, stola, manipulus,

" zona cum duabus tuallis, crux magna, cum tintin-
" nabulo, turribulum, velum quadragesimale, vexilla
" campane manuales, pro mortuis feretrum, vas ad
" aquam benedictam, osculatorium, candelabrum ad
" cereum Paschalem, campane, et campanile, et corde
" ad easdem, fons sacer cum seruris, et reparatio navis
" ecclesie interius et exterius, tam in altaribus quam
" imaginibus, fenestris, earum vitreo, cum clausura
" cimiterii." xiv. cent. Vellum rubricated.

Harl. MS. 2349, f. 114:—The statute concerning the ornaments, &c. of the church.

It is headed, Decretum Reverendi patris domini Johannis de [Pe]cham Dei gratia Cantuar' Archiepiscopi nuper [factum in vi]sitatione sua.

It differs from that printed in Wilkins, ii. 48, and assigns the following articles to the parishioners:—
" Calix, missale, vestimentum ipsius ecclesiæ princi-
" pale, viz., casula, alba munda, et amicta, stola, ma-
" nipulus, zona cum duabus tuallis benedictis, crux
" processionalis, et alia pro mortuis deferendis, cam-
" panæ manuales, turribulum, lucerna cum tintin-
" nabulo, velum quadragesimale, pixis pro corpore
" Christi, et vas pro oleo cum serura, paxillus, vas
" pro aqua benedicta et sale et pane, cereus pas-
" calis, corpus ecclesiæ cum fenestris vytreis, campanile
" cum duabus campanis et cordis ad easdem, magna
" crux cum Maria et Johanne, fons sanctificatus pro
" pueris baptizandis cum serura, feretrum pro cor-
" poribus mortuorum defferendis, vas ad ostium eccle-
" siæ pro aqua benedicta, clausura circa cymeterium,
" etc."

M.m. I. 20. Camb. Univ. Lib.—Another copy of the same, or a similar statute. The list of articles is as follows:—Calix, missale, vestimentum ecclesiæ principale, viz., casula, alba munda, amictus, stola, manipulus, zona cum duabus tuallis, crux processionalis,

alia crux minor pro mortuis, feretrum, turribulum lucerna cum tintinnabulo, velum quadragesimale, vexilla, campane, osculatorium pacis, sereus paschalis cum candelabro, campane in campanili cum cordis, fantes cum ceruris eorundem, manuales pro mortuis, vas ad aquam benedictam, cum sale et pane, reparacio navis ecclesiæ interius et exterius, tam in altaribus quam et ymaginibus, fenestre vitree cum clausuris cemeteriorum. xv. cent.

Magd. Coll., MS. 185, f. 11, Oxford.—Constitutio domini J. Peccham nuper Cant' archiepiscopi. (In the margin) Bona constitutio contra laicos qui vellent intromittere de arboribus cimiteriorum :—Ceterum advertentes. Wilkins ii., 49. xv. cent. Rubricated.

MS. Bodley 857 (12), Bibl. Bodl.—De Insinuatione testamentorum, etc., Peccham.

De insinuatione testamentorum quorumcunque ac calculi seu compoti administratione in bonis defunctorum et adquietanciæ literis pro labore capi debeat per quemcunque. Adeo quorundam animos temporibus nostris, &c.

Ends: — Incurrere volumus ipso facto. xiv. cent. Vellum.

Harleian MS. 52, f. 82*b*. British Museum. — Edita fuerunt hæc statuta London' apud Novum Templum.

Sentences against the seducers of nuns (Licet tam venerande leges); against nuns staying away from their convents (Ad hoc effrenis vagandi licentia); and an exhortations to bishops not to favour plurality (Ad hoc fratres et co-episcopos). Wilkins II., 61.

All Souls MS. 42, f. 247.—"Incipiunt et alie constituciones domini Johannis Pecham Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis. Quod archiepiscopus non rescribat pro querelis subditorum cujuscunque suffraganei," passed 7 id. March 1282 at Lambeth. *Incip:*—Quod officialis curie Cant'.

Cause devolute ad archiepiscopum per appellationem debent agitari in ecclesia de Arcubus:—Item quod cause.

Per appellationem non revocatur sequestrum:—Ad hec quia.

Testamentum decedentis et habentis duo beneficia in diversis diocesibus probari coram episcopo in cujus diœcese diem clausit extremum:—Si moriatur rector.

Brasenose Coll. MS. 14, f. 171.—Incipit constitutio fratris Johannis Cant' archiepiscopi edita London' Anno Domini MCCLXXX.

De decimis et oblationibus:—De insolutione decimarum . . . non decrescant, etc.

Forma ferende sententie magne et excommunicationes:—Ex auctoritate Dei . . . xii sacerdotes.

Forma absolutionis super indulgenciis:—Primo dicatur "confiteor" . . . spiritus sancti. Amen.

xv. cent.

A selection from Peckham's Constitutions were printed in English by Richard Pynson in 1520 (?), containing—

"In Constitut' Provincial' Johannis Peccham de officiis archipresbyteri, capitulo De Ignorantia Sacerdotum."

This is an English version or paraphrase, but by no means a translation of the Constitutions of Lambeth, Cap. IX. De Informatione Simplicium (Wilkins ii., 54). X. De Septem Articulis fidei. XI. De septem articulis pertinentibus ad humanitatem Christi. XII. De decem mandatis, and part of XIII. De septem operibus misericordie.

"In constit' Johannis Peccham de Sacramentis "iterandis vel non."

"Furthermore ye shall know and understand that "there be 7 Sacraments of Holy Church." This is not printed by Wilkins.

In constit' Provincial' De baptismo et ejus effectu.

"This sacrament ought not to be ministered but by a "priest."

"In constit' Provincial' Johannis Peccham de Summa Trinitate et Fide Catholica, Capitulo Altissimus."

A portion of Lambeth, cap. i., *De Custodia Eucharistiæ.*

17 leaves without pagination. Black letter. The signature of the first leaf is A. iii. by error for A ii.

A pencil note in the British Museum copy mentions other editions printed by Julian Notary, 1519; by W. de Worde; and by H. Pepwell.

Collections of Provincial Constitutions, arranged under subjects such as Lyndewode's *Provinciale,* of which there are many copies both in MS. and printed, contain Peckham's Statutes, with those of other archbishops. Among such MSS. may be mentioned Harl. MS. 224; Royal MS. 11 A. xiv., ff. 93–145, B. M.; Lambeth MS. 433; Ee. vi. 30, Camb. Univ. Libr.

The Appendix.

In the Appendix will be found a complete summary of the Register, giving an abstract of all the matter which has not been printed in full.

This comprises a list of the homages and fealties done to Peckham and his successor Winchelsey; institutions of rectors and vicars to churches throughout the province, generally mentioning the patron's name, during the whole of the archiepiscopate; memoranda of sequestrations and *literæ captionis;* and lists of persons ordained, divided into priests, deacons, subdeacons, and acolytes, from 1282 to 1292. The ordinations took place three and sometimes four times a year, and there was a copious supply of candidates. All the names have been given as no principle of selection would have been satisfactory.

There are also a number of formal documents such as commissions, excommunications, etc., which are interspersed among the letters, but which were not of sufficient importance to print in full.

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REGISTRUM EPISTOLARUM FRATRIS JOHANNIS PECKHAM ARCHIEPISCOPI CANTUARIENSIS.

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DLXII.

To Edward I.

1284. 3 July. Does not find that the bishop of St. Asaph was implicated in Llewellyn's war, and begs the king to allow him to return to his diocese.

R. f. 44. A. f. 11 b.

Excellentissimo principi, etc., salutem cum omni reverentia et honore. Quia piissimum esse credimus innocentiæ veridicum testimonium perhibere, et sublimitatis regiæ offensam, sine veritatis injuria mitigare, pietati vestræ notum facimus per præsentes quod nos diœceses Assavensem et Bangorensem in visitationis officio laborioso circuitu perlustrantes, inquisitione facta sollicite de seditiosis illis, qui nuper excitandæ contra pacem regiam guerræ per Lewelinum quondam principem Walliæ et complices suos consilium, opem vel operam quomodolibet impenderunt; de venerabili fratre nostro domino A[niano] Dei gratia episcopo Assavensi nihil invenimus in forma canonica coram Deo, propter quod deceat vestræ serenitatis oculos turbari aliqualiter contra ipsum. Propter quod clementiam vestram, quæ se consuevit piis supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinare, humiliter imploramus quatenus prædictum episcopum ad gregis sui custodiam redire favorabiliter permittatis, quia nunquam vidimus gregem aliquem magis pastoris sui præsentia indigere. Teneatque pro certo regia circumspectio quod sicut pastoris est dampnatio oves suas deserere inter lupos, sic est principis immane periculum pastorem a gregis sui custodia præpedire. Unde plus timemus ne ex hoc facto severitatem Altissimi in vos excitetis, quam de temporalibus dispendiis vel gravaminibus episcopi exulantis. In cujus veritatis testimonium sub sigillo nostro secreto literas vobis præsentes duximus destinandas. Custodiat Dominus excellentiam regiam per tempora longiora. Datum apud Tewy, v. non. Julii, A.D. MCCLXXXIIII.

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 104.

DLXIII.

To Edward I.

1284. 3 July. Congratulates him on his conquest of Wales, and begs him to respect the privileges of the Welsh church.[1]

R. f. 44 b. A. f. 130 b.

Excellentissimo principi, etc. Ad honorem et gloriam perpetuam regni vestri, Illo ordinante qui est Rex regum et Dominus dominorum, victoriosa manu gentem Walliæ indomitam vestri nutibus imperii, Deo gratias, subjecistis. Sed esse non poterit sine injuria et offensa ipsius dominicæ Majestatis, si ab Ipso data victoria in ecclesiæ suæ dedecus convertatur. Et licet quædam ecclesiasticæ personæ vobis in hoc gratioso triumpho fuerint, ut dicitur, indevotæ, aliæ tamen dominationi vestræ totis viribus astiterunt. Et præterea sanctæ matris ecclesiæ honor et reverentia nunquam debet propter quosdam filios degeneres minui vel turbari; præsertim quia turbatores et violatores ecclesiasticæ libertatis, tam generalis per orbis latitudinem, quam specialis quæ in locis innumeris per consuetudinem et privilegia variatur, sunt proculdubio excommunicationis sententia innodati. Quocirca excellentiæ vestræ humilitate et affectu quanto possumus supplicamus, quatenus ecclesiam Walliæ, quæ in vestrum immediatum dominium feliciter est translata, velitis in pristinis libertatibus et juribus confovere, ne de cœlo vobis data prosperitas in cœlestes injurias convertatur. Una est enim Dei civitas gloriosa, cujus pars in terris peregrinatur, et alia pars concivium in cœlis imperat coronata. Quod idcirco scribimus regiæ majestati, quia tam domini novelli quam bajuli quibus gubernacula Walliæ commisistis, prudentes carnaliter et spiritualiter imprudentes, sic præmissam dividunt libertatem, ut quicquid pro ipsorum videtur esse commodo, contra consuetudinem Anglicanam illud sibi arrogent toto posse. Quicquid vero ad relevationem ecclesiæ discrepat ab usibus Anglicanis, illud destruunt et evertunt, non sine animarum suarum periculis et anathematis vinculo, quo ipso facto irretiunt semetipsos. Tantum

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia ii. 103.

igitur dignetur in hac parte facere pietas regalis, ne sui honoris incrementa, quæ Deus adaugeat, in ecclesiastica suspiria convertantur. Pro certo scitura quantum amaritatus clerus posset faciliter processu temporis populum, quod avertat[1] Altissimus, in amaritudinem concitare. Custodiat Dominus excellentiam vestram regiam in prosperitate et felici gaudio per tempora longiora. Datum ut supra proximo (Apud Tewy, v. non. Julii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto).

DLXIV.

To the Bishop of Bangor.

1284. 3 July. Desires him to forbid a tournament about to be held by certain persons who have assumed the cross. R. f. 91 b. A. f. 17.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., episcopo Bangorensi salutem, etc. Intelleximus non sine cordis amaritudine vehementi, quod quidam nostræ provinciæ milites et magnates, qui se et sua crucis vivificæ ministerio dedicarunt, quoddam militaris exercitii spectaculum apud Neuyn vestræ diœcesis in brevi facere condixerunt, per quod non minus consumptione bonorum quam mutilatione corporum timetur eos effici, ad crucis cui se devoverunt obsequia, impotentes. Et quia ad nos pertinere dinoscitur eos, qui se crucis signaculo munierunt, ab errorum viis et vanitatum insolentiis extrahere, et ad suæ salutis exercitia salubriter animare; fraternitati vestræ committimus et mandamus, vobis nihilominus in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes, quatenus ad locum ipsum personaliter accedentes, et reducentes eis ad memoriam qualiter dudum apud Westmonasterium London' in domini regis et quamplurium terræ magnatum præsentia, districtius sub pœna excommunicationis inhibuerimus ne aliquis crucesignatus torneamentis vel aliis hujusmodi ostentationibus illicitis extunc se aliquatenus immisceret, omnes et singulos tam milites quam barones et comites vice et auctoritate nostra

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[1] *Avertat*] advertat, MSS.

monere et[1] solicite studeatis, ne aliqui per assumptionem crucis in Terræ Sanctæ subsidium proficere obligati, torneamentorum, hastiludiorum vel alterius cujuslibet exercitii militaris illiciti periculis aliquatenus se exponant, active vel passive, quominus possint Deo reddere vota sua, et hoc sub pœna suspensionis quam illos ipso facto volumus incurrere, qui contrarium præsumpserint attemptare. Quod si in concepti erroris impetu obdurati prima die vestris in hac parte mandatis contempserint obedire, volumus et mandamus ut secunda die et tertia rigidius contra eosdem in forma canonica procedatis, aperte prædicentes eisdem, quod si in hac parte de eis vel eorum aliquo contingat humanitus, ecclesiastica sepultura carebunt, et suffragiis ecclesiæ militantis. Qualiter autem mandatum nostrum in hac parte fueritis executi, nobis citra festum Sancti Michaelis proximo futurum per vestras patentes literas harum continentes seriem, fideliter rescribatis. Datum apud Tewyn, v. non. Julii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis sexto.

DLXV.

To Edward I.

1284. 4 July. Advises him to order the Welsh to live in towns, to work and to send their children to England to be educated.[3]

R. f. 44 b.

A treshonurable prince e seygnur Edward Deu grace Rey de Engletere, seygnur dIrlaunde, e duc dAquitaine, frere Jan par la suffrance Dieu prestre de Canterbyre, primat de tute Engletere, saluz en graunt reverence. Sire, il me semble ke li poeple de Gales est trop sauvages e malicius durement, quaunt a plusurs, e pou sachaunt de ben, e une gent perdue saunz profit au munde. E si il ws plest, ws i poez mettre conseil legierement en ceste manere si len ne troeve meillur. Primerement, sire, lur savagine ove autre maus surt mut de co ke il ne habitent pas en semble, eins meint chescun loinz de autre. E pur co, sire, si ws volez ke len les puist enfurmer sulum

[1] *et*] *sic*, a word being omitted.
[2] *continentes*]. Contines, R.
[3] Printed in Haddan and Stubbs Councils, I. 570.

Dieu e sulum le munde, e oster lur sauvagine, comaundez ke il meynent en semble en viles. Issi le fist uns empereres ancienement as Burgoynniuns, qui esteient larruns e murdrieres e habitoynt tuz severez e loinz cheskun dautre, kar il les fist en sembler e habiter en burgs, e de co sunt il apele Borgoyniuns.[1] Oveke co, sire, la malice de Galeys surt mut de leur oysuse, kar il sunt oysus e pur co pensent il tute malices. E pur co, sire, comaundez ke cheskun segun sun estat face chaskun jur aukune chose, issi ke len sache dunt chascun ad sun vivre, e jo ay comaunde dautre part ke len sustreye les sacramenz de seynte eglise as oysus, pur co ke nul nest en estat de salu qui aukun profit ne fet au munde. E pur co, sire, pur Dieu, la manere de vivre de *Wysshanbaghan* comaundez oster de tut. Oveke co, sire, james le people ben ne savera ne bon ne serra deske a taunt ke il eyent genz qui les sachent enseygner; e co ne poeut estre si len ne les destreint de envoyer lur enfaunz en Engletere pur aprendre clergie e maniere, kar ly clerc du pays ne sevent gere plus de lettre ke ly lay. Pur la queu chose, sire, a ws qui en estes sires, jo delivere ma conscience en la foy ke jo ws doy, ke james cele gent ne serra en estat de valur e de pes seure ne profitable au munde, deske il meynent en semble e ke il oevrent si cume autre genz, e ke il eyent enseygnement de genz qui les sachent e voyllient aprendre. Oveke co, sire, si il ws semble ke mun seygnur Seynt Thomas deyve estre plaunte en vostre noveau conquest, si come vous avez premys, si il ws sovient, fetes ent vostre pleysyr, nun pas pur moy, kar tresben me suffisunt les tres graunt honeurs que voz genz unt fetes a moy, e a miens par tute la terre par vostre comaundement. Sire, Dieu les ws les ws mire[2] e ws gard a tuz jurs.

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[1] This refers to the grant of a settlement in Gaul to the Burgundians by the usurper Jovinus and its confirmation by Honorius, about the beginning of the fifth century, Gibbon, iv. 147.

[2] *sic* in MS.

Ceste lettre fu escrite a Neuport lendemeyn de la Translaciun Seint Thomas.

DLXVI.

To [William de Braose] Bishop of Llandaff.

1284. 8 July. Desires to hold a visitation of his diocese while he is in Wales. R. f. 91 b. A. f. 65 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc. Venerabili in Christo fratri domino W. Dei gratia episcopo Landavensi, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Quia volente Domino et cessantibus impedimentis legitimis, die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Jacobi apostoli, apud Morghan, vestræ diœcesis, esse proponimus, vestram rogamus in Domino caritatem quatenus de voluntate vestra nobis liceat ibidem vel in aliquo loco vicino visitationem nostram in vestra diœcese inchoare, sicut in aliis fecimus diœcesibus Walliæ, ne visitata cathedrali ecclesia ad partes per quas transitum fecerimus redire, quod durum esset nobis, pro exercendo visitationis officio compellamur. Præsertim cum imminentis vacatio temporis autumnalis nos arcet quanto possimus breviori semita, sub visitationis officio partes Walliæ peragrare. Placeat vobis igitur officialem vestrum vel archidiaconum ad nos transmittere, ut apud Kermerdyn, die Dominica vel die Lunæ ante festum S. Margaretæ virginis nobis occurrat, qui nos de decanatibus et aliis locis versus ecclesiam vestram in nostro itinere visitandis, nos certiorare possit et plenius informare. Quid autem super hoc facere decreveritis, nobis si placet per latorem præsentium rescribatis. Ad hoc noveritis quod reservamus nobis visitationem archidiaconatus Brekon' de voluntate Menevensis episcopi, donec visitaverimus diœcesem vestram. Alioquin oporteret nos magnis laboribus frustra vexari. Valete in Christo semper et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Sanctum Dogmaelem, viii. id., Julii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis nostræ vi.

DLXVII.

The Bishop of St. David's to Peckham.

1284. 9 July. Has executed his letters in intimating his visitation. R. f. 92.

Venerabili patri in Christo, domino Dei gratia Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primati, Thomas permissione divina Menevensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem cum omni reverentia, obedientia et honore. Mandatum vestrum vii. kal. Maii recepimus in hæc verba:—Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, venerabili in Christo fratri, domino Thomæ Dei gratia Menevensi episcopo, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Fraternitati vestræ notum facimus per præsentes, quod personam vestram atque ecclesiam vestræque civitatis et diœcesis clerum et populum, favente Domino intendimus visitare, quod eis curetis patefacere sine mora, ut præmuniti se præparent visitationem nostram secundum sanctiones canonicas admissuri. Denunciari etiam faciatis ecclesias seu portiones ecclesiarum appropriatas habentibus, seu in ecclesiis alienis aut parochiis pensiones vel decimas separatas percipientibus, ac universis rectoribus, tenentibus in vestra diœcese et alibi plura beneficia curam habentia animarum, illos etiam qui post ultimum Lugdunense concilium beneficia ecclesiastica cum cura adepti se non fecerint infra annum a tempore curæ sibi commissæ ad presbyteratus ordines promoveri, quod jus si quod habent speciale super appropriatione, perceptione et pluralitate hujusmodi, necnon causam legitimam de presbyteratus ordine, ut præmittitur, non suscepto, cum per ipsum transitum fecerimus, sub pœna canonica peremptorie nobis ostendant. Proponimus autem ecclesiam vestram die Lunæ proxima post festum translationis Beati Thomæ Martyris proximo venturum intrare, et visitationem circa personam vestram, quam tunc ibidem adesse volumus, Deo volente, et cessantibus impedimentis legitimis, inchoare; extunc ad vestrum capitulum et alia loca vestræ diœcesis prout opportunitas dederit processuri. De die vero

receptionis præsentium, et qualiter fueritis executi præmissa, nobis dictis die et loco vestris patentibus literis harum seriem continentibus intimetis. Valete in Christo semper et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Wengham, xvii. kal. Maii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ anno sexto:— Quod quidem mandatum vestrum in omnibus et singulis suis articulis reverenter sumus executi. Datum apud Trefdyn, vii. idus Julii, anno Domini supradicto.

DLXVIII.

To the Bishop of Bangor.

1284. 10 July. Desires him to receive the purgation of two clerks accused of making war and of betraying David, Llewellyn's brother. R. f. 92.

Frater Johannes permissione Divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, venerabili in Christo fratri domino . . Dei gratia Bangorensi episcopo, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Cum nuper in vestra diœcese jure metropolitico visitationis officio fungeremur, invenimus Gregorium et Gervasium, portionarios ecclesiæ de Lammeys, vestræ diœcesis, super articulis infrascriptis multipliciter diffamatos. Videlicet, quod fuerunt incentores guerræ, portantes arma contra pacem regiam, et homines occiderunt. Item, quod dictus Gervasius prodidit David fratrem principis, qui postmodum extitit ultimo supplicio deputatus. Super quibus præfatos Gregorium et Gervasium coram nobis ad judicium fecimus evocari. Qui certis die et loco coram nobis personaliter constituti, præmissa omnia contra ipsos proposita et objecta expresse negarunt, propter quod eisdem purgationem cum duodecima manu sui status et ordinis, coram vobis super hiis certis die et loco per vos sibi assignandis indiximus faciendam. Quocirca fraternitati vestræ mandamus et vices nostras committimus in hac parte, ut vocatis prædictis Gervasio et Gregorio coram vobis, purgationem eorundem super præmissis in forma quæ præmittitur, in præsentia magistri Aniani filii Lewelini, canonici Assavensis

quem admissioni purgationum hujusmodi interesse volumus, admittatis, et in negotio hujusmodi procedatis ulterius, prout de jure fuerit procedendum. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis, nobis in proxima congregatione fratrum constare plenarie faciatis. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum Meneviæ, vi. id. Julii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXIX.

To the Bishop of Bangor and Anian, son of Llewellyn.

1284. 10 July. Desires them to receive the purgation of Madoc the Little. R. f. 92.

Frater J[ohannes], etc. Venerabili fratri domino A[niano] Dei gratia episcopo Bangorensi et magistro Aniano filio Lewelini, canonico Assavensi, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Nuper diœcesem Bangorensem auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, invenimus Madocum dictum Parvum, canonicum Bangorensem, super articulis infrascriptis multipliciter diffamatum; videlicet, quod fuit incentor guerræ et quod impulit quemdam armigerum de equo suo, cujus impetus occasione fuerat interfectus; super quibus præfatum Madocum ad nostram præsentiam fecimus evocari. Qui certis die et loco coram nobis personaliter constitutus, prædicta omnia et singula contra ipsum proposita et objecta expresse negavit. Quocirca discretioni vestræ in hac parte committimus vices nostras, mandantes quatenus denunciato prius venerabili fratri nostro domino R[oberto] Dei gratia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo et aliis quorum interest seu quos negotium potest contingere, purgationem dicto Madoco in forma canonica indicatis, certum per vos eisdem ad hoc terminum assignando, facientes quod decreveritis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, nos in proxima congregatione fratrum curetis reddere certiores. Valete. Datum Meneviæ, vi. idus Julii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXX.

To [Anian] Bishop of Bangor.

1284. 11 July. Desires him to cite Griffin Werewerth a disturber of the king's peace.

R. f. 91 b. A. f. 65 b.

Episcopo Bangorensi. Nuper in vestra diœcese visitationis officium exercentes, invenimus Griffinum Werewerth[1] incentorem guerræ et turbatorem pacis regiæ extitisse, super quo coram nobis convenientes eundem, audita in hac parte responsione sua quam audistis, assignavimus ei certum diem infra quem nobis per literas regias vel alias sufficienter ostenderet se satisfactione præmissa pacem regiam assecutum. Quia licet hujusmodi præfixione temporis acceptaverit, quod jamdiu transactum est, hucusque tamen pro se nihil ostendit, quare non debeamus contra eum procedere, tanquam pacis regiæ turbatorem.[2] Sed ne videamur in hac parte potius vindictam quærere, quam salutis suæ profectum, fraternitati vestræ committimus et mandamus, quatenus citetis peremptorie dictum Griffinum, per vos vel per alium, quod compareat coram nobis ubicumque fuerimus in nostra provincia proxima die juridica post festum S. Jacobi Apostoli proximo venturum, se de offensa et injuriis per eum illatis domino regi satisfecisse, ut debuit, ostensurum. Alioquin contra eum extunc tanquam turbatorem ecclesiasticæ pacis atque regiæ prout justum fuerit procedemus. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis, nobis dicto die per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, fideliter intimetis. Valete. Datum apud Sanctum David, v. id. Julii, ordinationis nostræ anno vi.

DLXXI.

Austin Priory of Haverford West.

1284. 13 July. Injunctions.

R. f. 234. A. f. 178.

Frater J[ohannes] etc. dilectis filiis priori et conventui de Haureford, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nuper

[1] Griffinum ab Yerewerth, in the margin.

[2] *turbatorem*] turbitorem, R.

apud vos visitationem metropoliticam exercentes, quædam invenimus in vestro collegio corrigenda, quæ in modo reformare decrevimus inferius annotato. In primis decetero ordinamus, ut de consilio prioris pariter et conventus, duo fratres fidelitate et industria ceteros transcendentes deliberatione provida eligantur, quos thesaurarios volumus appellari, quorum custodiæ tota domus pecunia seu de maneriis seu de redditibus quibuscunque proveniens deputetur; et prior omnes expensas suas de ipsorum manibus recipiat, et nullatenus aliunde. Et quod dicimus de priore, intelligimus etiam de ceteris obedientiariis ac ceteris canonicis universis. Hoc tamen excepto si forte redditus aliqui sint ab antiquo ad usus elemosinarii assignati. Et quicunque per viam aliam aliquid de bonis domus præsumpserit occupare, tanquam proprietarius puniatur. Ipsi autem thesaurarii de receptis et expensis ter in anno, scilicet in Carniprivio, et post Pentecosten, et in festo Sancti Michaelis, teneantur reddere rationem coram tribus vel quatuor senioribus de conventu. Et quandocunque prior post exitum redierit, capellanus suus ipsum associans de expensis prioris teneatur reddere rationem. Prior autem qui pro tempore fuerit, obedientiarios instituat et amoveat de canonicorum consilio seniorum. Et idem intelligimus de ballivis et servientibus monasterii tam interius quam exterius ubicunque. Prior insuper communitati suam exhibeat præsentiam quantum potest, nec pro quibuslibet hospitibus deserat refectorium vel completorium, sed tantum pro sublimibus personis quæ possunt juvare[1] monasterium notabiliter vel gravare. Et iidem prior et canonici omnes sani juxta communem consuetudinem ordinis Sancti Augustini tantum tribus diebus per ebdomadam, scilicet die Dominica ac tertia et quinta feria, carnes comedere sint contenti. Ad hoc tamen ægrotos canonicos non arctamus. Nulli insuper canonico liceat ciborum suorum residuum in refectorio vel in alia mensa alicui

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[1] *juvare*] minare, A.

conferre, sine prioris licentia speciali. Nec sufficiat licentia generalis, nisi detur die ipsa alicui forsitan ex causa rationabili et honesta. Sed omnia mensarum residua in esculentis et poculentis elemosinario sine fraude qualibet quotidie assignentur, pauperibus fideliter eroganda. Arceantur autem sæculares omnes utriusque sexus ab ingressu claustri, infirmitorii et refectorii et ceteris interioribus[1] officinis, exceptis solis excellentibus personis, quibus hoc non potest sine scandalo denegari; et illæ etiam humiliter exorentur ut quantum cum honestate eorum fieri poterit, ab interioribus se subtrahant, ut minores eorum exemplo valeant coerceri. Et quicunque alias personas in prænominata loca introduxerit sine prioris licentia speciali, in proximo prandio ultimus in mensa sedeat et ei eadem die pitancia similiter subtrahatur. Quandocunque vero prior vel aliquis eo inferior ad manerium aliquod vel locum in quo sunt bona monasterii declinabit, omnia quæcunque ibidem recipiet, sub certi æstimatione pretii recipiat a custodibus eorundem. Et hoc fideliter per scripturam vel tallia ad prædictos thesaurarios deferatur, ut in ratiociniis reddendis habeatur mentio talium expensarum. Et hoc debet cuilibet amatori boni communis et legali canonico complacere, quia per alium modum bonorum communium vera æstimatio haberi non poterit, et per hanc viam omni furto, proprietario et sacrilegio aditus excludetur. In loquendo autem communiter, caveat quilibet a jurando, quia religiosa labia plurimum dedecet juramentum. Hanc autem ordinationis nostræ paginam volumus quotienscunque regula legitur recitari, et in visitatione qualibet exhiberi, ut videatur qualiter observetur; nolentes tamen ut aliquis in ea mutet vel minuat, absque nostro consilio et assensu. Datum apud Haureford, iii. id. Julii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

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[1] *interioribus*] inferioribus, MSS.

DLXXII.

To his Official.

1284. 14 July. Desires him to determine a case concerning the chapter at Salisbury, before the dean of Arches, of whose conduct H. de Brandeston complains. R. f. 208.

Frater Johannes etc. dilecto filio officiali suo Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Scribente nobis dilecto filio magistro H. de Brandeston, archidiacono Dorshet', prout in ipsius literis quas vobis præsentibus interclusas mittimus continetur, intelleximus decanum nostrum de Arcubus London', generalem commissarium nostrum, quietem et pacem collegii Sarr' ecclesiæ plurimum offendisse. Et quia pacem et tranquillitatem ejusdem ecclesiæ diligimus, et volumus quantum inoffenso jure nostro possumus conservare, discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus quatenus subductis omnibus litium amfractibus, de processu commissarii nostri et aliis ipsum negotium tangentibus summarie cognoscatis, sic finem canonicum imponentes negotio quod ad nos querela non veniat iterato. Quod si ad nos devolvi contingat, dolebimus valde, si nos vestrum in hac parte processum oporteat revocare. Valete. Datum apud Lantefey, ii. id. Julii, ordinationis nostræ anno sexto.

DLXXIII.

To H. de Braundeston.

1284. 14 July. On the same subject. R. f. 208

Frater Johannes etc. dilecto filio magistro H. de Braundeston' salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Licet tranquillitatem et pacem vestram et ecclesiæ vestræ, quam intime gerimus commendatam, specialiter affectemus, sic tamen petitionem vestram exaudire debemus, ut jura et consuetudines ecclesiæ et curiæ nostræ minime offendamus. Quia igitur de decano nostro de Arcubus London', officialis nostri Cantuariensis commissario generali, nobis estis conquesti, super eo videlicet quod in causa mota inter Johannem dictum Pis-

torem vicarium in ecclesia Sarr' et cancellarium ejusdem ecclesiæ, quietem et pacem ejusdem collegii vestri indebite debuit offendisse, ac etiam pro ipso Johanne contra vos extra curiæ nostræ consilium et consuetudinem, ut asseritis, processisse; petitionem quam fecistis eo modo quo processit non potuimus exaudire, præsertim cum officialis noster prædictus sit medius qui commissarii sui prædicti processus et acta habet in melius, si necesse fuerit, transformare. Quare eidem officiali nostro scribimus et mandamus ut de hoc facto subductis litium amfractibus per se cognoscat, et talem imponat finem negotio quod ad nos querela non veniat iterato. Scientes quod si contingat ad nos devolvi negotium, sic nostræ correctionis manum reformatricem apponemus, quod vos ulterius conqueri minime oportebit. Valete. Datum apud Lantefey, ii. id. Julii, ordinationis nostræ anno sexto.

DLXXIV.

To the Abbot of Seez.

1284. 14 July. Has ordered the prior of Pembroke,[1] to return to Seez, on account of his crimes. R. f. 210.

Frater J[ohannes] etc. dilectis filiis . . . abbati et conventui Saginen', salutem etc. Nuper in prioratu vestro Penbroch', Menevensis diœcesis, auctoritate metropolitica visitationis officium exercentes, inter alia enormia et innumerabilia crimina quæ fratrem R. ejusdem loci priorem, monachum vestrum, invenimus commisisse, sic ipsum fidedigno relatu novimus toto suo tempore ibidem incontinentiæ vitio laborasse, quod nullomodo potuimus eum ulterius in prioris officio dimittere sine totius religionis scandalo et offensa; quare de consilio peritorum eundem R. ab administratione temporalium et spiritualium ejusdem prioratus

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[1] Pembroke or Monketon, founded by Arnulph, earl of Pembroke in 1098 as a cell of the abbey of St. Martin de Seez.

absolvimus justitia exigente. Et quia totam patriam illam ipsius infamia scandalizat, injunximus eidem sub pœna excommunicationis, quam extunc in personam suam protulimus, si mandatis nostris contempserit obedire, ut infra x. dies ad vos et monasterium suum iter arripiat veniendi, ibidem vel alibi pro voluntate vestra mansurus, sed nullo modo citra x. annorum spatium completum ad locum ipsum, quem sic sua fœdavit insolentia, reversurus. Poteritis igitur de Priore alio dictæ domui providere. Pro certo scientes quod dictum R. ad domum ipsam sive monachum sive priorem usque post x. annos completos redire nullatenus permittemus. Et bonum est quod hoc fiat cum omni celeritate, quia alias poterit temporalibus vestris periculum imminere. Valete. Datum Penbroch', ii. id. Julii, anno etc.

DLXXV.

To Andrew Subprior of Pembroke.

1284. 16 July. Commits to him the administration of the goods of the priory till the abbot has appointed a prior in place of Ralph, deposed. R. f. 208 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio fratri Andreæ subpriori de Panbrok', salutem. Quia nuper in domo vestra visitationis officium exercentes, fratrem Radulphum priorem ex certis et legitimis causis absolvimus ab administratione temporalium et spiritualium prioratus ejusdem, nos de vestræ circumspectionis industria confidentes, curam dictæ domus interius et exterius, necnon et administrationem bonorum ejusdem, vobis tenore præsentium committimus, donec per abbatem vestrum[1] in forma consueta de priore alio sit provisum. Sequestrum etiam per nos factum in pecunia et aliis bonis, quæ in manibus dicti fratris Radulphi invenimus, relaxamus, volentes ut de administratione vestra futura priori vestro vel loci ordinario fideliter

[1] The abbot of Seez.

teneamini reddere rationem. Valete. Datum apud Kermerdyn, xvii. kal. Augusti, ordinationis nostræ anno sexto.

DLXXVI.

To the Bishop of Lincoln.

[1284.] 16 July. Will put off his visitation of his diocese till after Holy Cross day. R. f. 92. A. f. 65 b.

Lincolniensi episcopo. De vestræ sollicitudinis vigilantia, qua votis nostris capituli vestri consensum procurastis effectualiter adhiberi, vobis ad quantas valemus assurgimus gratiarum actiones. Et licet tandem obtinueritis ab eodem, ut nobis alibi quam in capite nostræ visitationis officium in vestra diœcese liceat inchoare; quia tamen æquum esse censemus, ut vestris beneplacitis et honori favorabiliter occurramus, sicut vos nostris libenter condescendistis in hac parte; ut omnis oblocutio quæ vobis aut nobis etiam possit aliquatenus imminere, perpetuo excludatur, malentes in quiete et pace omnium procedere, quam processu nostro occasionem tribuere murmurandi, benevolentiæ vestræ volumus esse notum quod ad præsens alibi quam in ecclesia vestra majori visitationis nostræ progressum, non intendimus inchoare. Et quia nobis intimare curastis quod clerus et populus vestræ diœcesis, quos instantis autumni negotia occupabunt, satis liberius et commodius nostræ visitationi vacare poterit, si tempus quo visitationis nostræ processum ordinaverimus incipere prolongemus; nos cupientes innocenter cum omnibus ambulare, tempus visitationis nostræ quod vobis alias nunciavimus, usque in crastinum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis differimus, quo die, volente Domino, nostræ visitationis officium in ecclesia vestra proponimus inchoare. Et de hoc in brevi ad vos in forma debita nostras literas transmittemus. Interim autem poteritis nobis alicubi si placet occurrere pro explicandis illis quæ nobis habetis ante præfatam visitationem, ut scribitis, revelare. Erat autem intentio nostra ut finem visitationis discursui celerius ponere-

mus, anticipare locum et tempus, secundum canones præfinitos, quia gravat animam nostram laboriosus iste circuitus, sicut vobis gestimus quasi parturientis angustiis revelare. Et decursis tribus diœcesibus residuis, non intendimus decetero tali sollicitudine tot calumniis obnoxia, tot infructuosis laboribus onerata, per delegatos latrunculos totiens in irritum revocata, tot quorundam subditorum astutiis enervata, tot superiorum laqueis implicita, diutius occupari. Valete, etc. Datum apud Kermerdyn, xvii. kal. Augusti.

DLXXVII.

To W. de Sardinia.

1284. 26 July. Orders him to cite those concerned in the burning of Hampton[1] church. R. f. 208 b.

Frater J[ohannes] etc., dilecto filio magistro Willelmo de Sardinia, clerico suo, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Non sine magni cordis turbatione, conquerente nobis domino Johanne dicto Pycot, decano Exoniensi, nuper intelleximus quod cum ipse ecclesiam de Haunton', Exon' diœcesis, dudum fuisse canonice assecutus, et ipsam diutius pacifice possedisset, demum dominus Petrus Exoniensis episcopus, ipsam ecclesiam esse vacantem, cum non esset, pronuncians, juris ordine ut dicitur minime observato, denunciavit patrono ejusdem ut ad eandem personam idoneam præsentaret. Quiquidem patronus Thomam de Dune presbyterum, ad procurationem dicti domini episcopi, ad ipsam ecclesiam præsentavit, quem idem episcopus admisit et instituit in eadem, non obstante inhibitione nostra immo potius vilipensa, dicto episcopo ad suggestionem et appellationem prædicti decani ad curiam nostram prius interpositam, ex parte ipsius decani loco et tempore opportunis exhibita et porrecta. Et dictus Thomas ac Willelmus de Charles clericus, una cum complicibus suis manu armata et more hostili ad prædictam ecclesiam accedentes sub dissimulatione et conniventia dicti domini episcopi, ut refertur, ipsam ecclesiam

[1] High Hampton, Devon (?).

ausu temerario combusserunt, in animarum suarum periculum ac universalis ecclesiæ contemptum et scandalum plurimorum: quos omnes et singulos, qui hujusmodi facinus perpetrarunt, et eisdem in hoc facto præstiterunt opem, operam aut favorem, non est dubium in sententiam excommunicationis in malefactores hujusmodi a canone latam ipso facto dampnabiliter incidisse. Quocirca vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes, quatenus ad dictum locum de Haunton' personaliter accedentes, cum celeritate qua commode poteritis, omnes malefactores hujusmodi in sententiam excommunicationis ut præmittitur incidisse, et excommunicatos esse in genere, in locis ubi videritis expedire publice et solemniter denuncietis, et faciatis per alios nunciari, inquirentes cum omni diligentia de nominibus eorundem. Et si quos culpabiles inveneritis in hac parte, ipsos citetis vel citari faciatis peremptorie, ut proxima die juridica post festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis compareant coram nobis ubicunque in provincia nostra fuerimus, tam nobis quam parti dicti decani super præmissis omnibus responsuri, facturi et recepturi quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem feceritis ac etiam super hiis inveneritis, nobis dictis die et loco plenarie intimare curetis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Landaf,' vii. kal. Augusti, anno Domini, MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXXVIII.

To the Bishop of Exeter.

1284. 27 July. Cites him and Thos. de Doune for the burning of Hampton church. R. f. 92 b.

Frater Johannes, permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, venerabili in Christo fratri domino P[etro], Dei gratia episcopo Exoniensi, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem.

Meminimus nos vobis alias ad suggestionem et appellationem domini Johannis dicti Pycot, decani Exoniensis, super ecclesia sua de Hanton' vestræ diœcesis, ad curiam nostram legitime interpositam scripsisse, ac etiam inhibuisse ne pendente in curia nostra hujusmodi appellationis negotio, aliquid per vos seu alium super prædicta ecclesia in ipsius decani præjudicium attemptaretur, seu faceretis aliqualiter attemptari; et vos hujusmodi inhibitione nostra ex parte dicti decani vobis exhibita, ut asseritur, non obstante, coram multis circumstantibus fidedignis, Thomæ de Doune presbytero ad dictam ecclesiam de Hanton' a patrono ejusdem præsentato publice et aperte dixistis, ut nisi ipse Thomas prædictæ ecclesiæ possessionem ingrederetur, nunquam ipsam ecclesiam obtineret, litteras suæ institutionis et inductionis super dicta ecclesia sibi faciendas Willelmo de Charles clerico demandando. Quiquidem Thomas et Willelmus, una cum complicibus suis, ex hoc audaciam assumentes, et ad ipsam ecclesiam manu armata et more hostili, tanquam salutis propriæ et honoris immemores, accedentes, præfatam ecclesiam ausu temerario, vobis hujusmodi facti non insciis, immo potius eisdem malefactoribus in hac parte consensum præstantibus, ut dicitur, combusserunt, et se in eandem ecclesiam intruserunt, in nostræ jurisdictionis et totius universalis ecclesiæ præjudicium et contemptum, ac etiam scandalum plurimorum. Quocirca vos citamus peremptorie per præsentes, ut proxima die juridica post festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, per vos aut sufficientem responsalem, compareatis coram nobis ubicunque tunc in provincia nostra Cantuariensi fuerimus, tam nobis quam parti dicti decani super præmissis et aliis vobis objiciendis in judicio responsuri, facturi et recepturi quod justitia suadebit. Citetis insuper vel citari faciatis peremptorie Thomam de Doune presbyterum antedictum, qui præfatam ecclesiam per intrusionem

ut refertur detinet occupatam, ut die et loco superius annotatis coram nobis compareat, nobis et prædicto decano super intrusione et combustione hujusmodi, ac aliis contra ipsum proponendis, in judicio responsurus, facturus et recepturus, quod postulaverit ordo juris. Qualiter autem præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, et quicquid feceritis in præmissis, nobis dictis die et loco plenarie intimare curetis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Land,' vi. kal. Augusti, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXXIX.

To Edward I.

1284. 28 July. Begs him to order the removal of certain persons who have seized and burnt Hampton church.

R. f. 44 b. A. f. 11 b.

Excellentissimo principi, etc., salutem cum omni reverentia et honore. Excellentiæ regiæ præsentibus innotescat, quod cum nuper inter venerabilem fratrem nostrum dominum P[etrum] Exoniensem episcopum et dominum Johannem decanum ejusdem loci, super ecclesia de Hyeanton Exoniensis diœcesis, contentio mota esset, fuissetque a dicto episcopo per præfatum decanum super hoc ad curiam nostram Cantuariensem ex causis variis appellatum, et eidem episcopo per literas nostras inhibitum, ne pendente hujusmodi appellationis negotio quicquam in appellantis præjudicium attemptaret. Non obstante inhibitionis nostræ processu, quidam Dei et ecclesiæ inimici nomine Th. de Doune, capellani ad eandem ecclesiam per dominum Johannem de Ponchardon, militem, ut dicitur, præsentati, dictam ecclesiam et domos rectoriæ ejusdem, in quarum possessione dictus decanus extitit, hostiliter invadentes, cum eisdem in ecclesiam libere non pateret ingressus, eandem igne succenso Dei timore postposito consumpserunt; (in qua etiam duo homines dicuntur fuisse combusti,) ipsam ecclesiam sic hostiliter occupantes,

et adhuc vi et manu armata cum domibus ad eam spectantibus in præjudicium pacis regiæ et animarum suarum periculum dampnabiliter detinentes. Quocirca magnificentiæ regiæ humiliter supplicamus, quatenus a prædicta ecclesia et domibus jubere dignetur et suis literis demandare laicalem vim et potentiam penitus amoveri, ne judicium ecclesiæ veniat in contemptum, et prædicti sacrilegi de sua iniquitate valeant gloriari, præsertim cum a tempore Norwycensis incendii[1] non fuerit in Anglia tanta injuria Deo et sanctis ejus ac etiam universalis ecclesiæ irrogata. Custodiat Dominus excellentiam regiam per tempora longiora. Datum apud Landaf', v. kal. Augusti, A.D. MCCLXXXIIII.

DLXXX.

Richard de Beaufoe.

[1284.] [July.] Revokes his absolution. R. f. 92 b. A. f. 135 b.

Circa factum Ricardi de Bella Fago[2] juxta ea quæ scribitis, quibus fidem plenariam adhibemus, noveritis nos fuisse totaliter circumventos. Veniens enim ad nos ipse primitus et injuriam factam quasi penitus attenuans, detulit literas testimoniales cujusdam decani ruralis, in quibus continebatur quod læso satisfecerat competenter. Nos autem illud testimonium invalidum reputantes, remisimus eum vel vestras vel alias autenticas nobis super hoc literas relaturum, quod et fecit. Sed meminisse non possumus cujus illæ fuerint literæ, pro eo quod præsentem notarium non habemus qui suus extitit mediator. Ipse igitur benedictionem se existimans rapuisse, maledictionis diploidem suis noverit ossibus inhærere, tum quia simplicitatis nostræ judicium circumvenit, tum quia ignoratam et per consequens involuntariam, sed et invalidam absolutionem obtinuit, tum quia, ut credimus, crucis indulgentia ad tam atrocis injuriæ[3] remedium minime se exten-

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[1] A.D. 1272. See Trivet, p. 279, and other chroniclers.

[2] *Fago*] Fage, [1]n A.

[3] *injuriæ*] iniuri et, A.

dit. Literam igitur nostram vobis directam super hoc negotio reputetis, sicut merito debetis, irritam et inanem.

DLXXXI.

To the Bishop of St. David's.

1284. 5 Aug. Injunctions to be observed by the canons of his cathedral. Desires him to enforce a stricter observance of the rule by the religious.[1]

R. f. 234 b. A. f. 175.

Frater J[ohannes], permissione divina, etc. Venerabili in Christo fratri domino. . . Dei gratia episcopo Menevensi, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Nuper diœcesem vestram auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, quædam invenimus tam in ecclesia vestra cathedrali, quam in diœcesi, quæ juxta leges evangelicas et canonicas decrevimus reformanda, secundum formam inferius annotatam. In primis siquidem ordinantes ut ecclesiæ vestræ canonici, quos paucos numero esse constat, et paucissimos in ecclesia residere, melius quam hactenus fecerint, ad divina officia conveniant in eadem. Et quia diurnus denarius debetur tantum in vinea laborantibus, et, sicut dignus est operarius cibo suo, sic qui non laborat a cibis laborantium est juxta Pauli sententiam excludendus; ex hiis et aliis evangelicis fundamentis perpetua diffinitione sancimus, ut illi soli fructus residentiæ participent, qui præsentes se exhibent ecclesiasticis officiis nocturnis pariter et diurnis, præter illos quos corporis inæqualitas vel alia ratio canonica ibi vel alibi detinet occupatos. Illos igitur, qui in civitatis vestræ ambitu aut vicinia sunt præsentes, pro diebus illis quibus ecclesiam die noctuque in divinis laudibus non frequentant, a fructibus residentiæ decernimus excludendos; et portiones eis debitas pro tanti rata temporis ipsius ecclesiæ fabricis perhenniter assignamus; nisi ut præmisimus rationabiliter excusentur. Præterea dolentes intelleximus quod correctiones in vestra diœcesi, ut

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 106, from Wharton's MS.; and in Haddan and Stubbs' Councils, I. 571.

dicitur, per mulctam pecuniariam passim fiunt, et hoc vel clericorum delinquentium, et sua flagitia vel facinora prolongata redimentium per annos singulos, ut eis quasi videatur vendi licentia delinquendi; et hoc etiam interdum in tam notabili quantitate ut sic mulctati nec sufficiant fabricis nec pauperibus providere, nec hospitalitatis sustinere gratiam, ut tenentur secundum canonicas sanctiones; vel etiam laicorum, imposita eis primitus pœna tanti horroris corporea, ut eam per pecuniam redimere compellantur. In clericis igitur puniendis pro lubricitatis vitio teneri præcipimus regulas reverendorum patrum bonæ memoriæ Othonis[1] et Ottoboni, sedis Apostolicæ legatorum; ut videlicet quicunque per mensis spatium tenuisse repertus fuerit concubinam, si monitus non vitet perpetuo recidivum[2] cum habita vel quacunque alia, extunc omni ecclesiastico beneficio sit privatus. Quando vero pro contumacia vel alterius generis crimine rectores ecclesiarum pœna sunt pecuniaria puniendi, puniantur adeo moderate, quod non redundet ipsorum pœna in dampnum pauperum, quibus tenentur ex suscepto regimine providere, vel potius pœna ab eis extorta, in utilitatem subditorum eis pauperum vel in fabricas convertatur. In laicis etiam puniendis hoc esse credimus observandum, ut illo pœnæ genere puniantur, cujus timor magis eos retrahit a peccato. Huic autem regulæ canonicæ directe faciunt contrarium, qui pœnam corporalem in suæ fomentum avaritiæ præsumunt in pecuniariam transmutare. Dum enim puniendi pœnam pecuniariam præeligunt, corporalem proculdubio magis horrent. Esset igitur talibus horror pœnæ corporeæ mitigandus ne videantur ministeriales vestri avaritiæ stimulis agitari. Laici igitur illi, quibus fustigationes publicæ non conveniunt, vel qui jejuniorum non possunt tole-

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[1] *Othonis*] Ottobonis, R. [2] *recidivum*] residivum, A.

rare rigores, sunt peregrinationibus fatigandi, et onerandi elemosinis non suspectis. Idcirco enim Salvator discipulis ad prædicandum missis inhibuit, ne portarent pecuniam vel haberent, ut videlicet non suspectos de quæstu se toti sæculo exhiberent. Præterea religiosos omnes vestræ jurisdictioni subjectos ad observantiam regularem inducatis solicite in vestrorum remissionem omnium peccatorum; monachos specialiter juxta Beati Benedicti regulam et statuta majorum nostrorum ab esu carnium retrahentes, nullius verbis fidem adhibentes asserentis secum vel cum monasterio suo fuisse per sedem apostolicam de edendis carnibus dispensatum. Cujuscunque autem professionis religiosi vel religiosæ existant, non permittatis priorem aut priorissam, abbatem vel abbatissam, bona monasterii pro suæ voluntatis arbitrio contrectare. Sed in quolibet monasterio duo vel duæ discretiores ceteris eligantur, qui thesaurarii vel thesaurariæ appellentur, quorum custodiæ tota domus pecunia commendetur, ter in anno de receptis et expensis ratiocinium fideliter reddituri. Et tam prior quam priorissa, abbas et abbatissa, quam quælibet aliæ personæ monasterii, de thesaurariorum ipsorum manibus expensas suas recipiant, et nullatenus aliunde; et quicunque contrarium fecerit, tanquam proprietarius puniatur. Præterea quia otiositas est mater et alumna omnium vitiorum, obsecramus amore Domini Jesu Christi, quatenus populares vestræ diœcesis ab otio totis viribus retrahatis, illis qui pertinaciter fuerint otiosi, subtrahentes, dum tales fuerint, ecclesiastica sacramenta. Quia cum humano generi post peccatum sit præceptorie labor impositus corporalis, qui non solum in agris excolendis intelligitur, verum etiam in quolibet artificio vel studio licito et honesto; cum etiam Salvator ipse præcisam de hoc supratactam ediderit sententiam, dicens quod "dignus est operarius cibo suo"; cum etiam

apostolus eodem spiritu prædicto decreto statuerit negativo, "Ut si quis operari renuit, non manducet;"[1] constat certissime in statu dampnationis existere quemlibet otiosum, qui scilicet pro loco et tempore contempnit diebus singulis utiliter occupari. Est etiam[2] malum summæ contrarium pietati, malum scilicet usurariæ pravitatis, quod de cupiditatis sulphurea radice incipit apud multos fructus producere venenatos, et per ramos plurimos se dilatat, dum passim carius venduntur victualia mutuanti, quam in promptu pecuniam in pretio numeranti; dum insuper nonnulli pretium rerum venalium metiuntur, non a venditionis vel alio determinato tempore, sed in toto anni periodo, quando fuerint hujusmodi cariora. Hæc igitur et similia scandala, quæ invenimus non paucos in vestra diœcesi per juris ignorantiam maculasse, per hoc etiam quod non invenerunt aliquos qui hujusmodi criminum eis laqueos explicarent, studeatis solertius et sollicitius extirpare, cum non ignoretis quod ignorantia subditorum est dampnatio negligentium prælatorum. Qualiter autem præsentis ordinationis nostræ seriem fueritis executi, nobis in fratrum congregatione proxima fideliter intimetis, scientes quod multum moleste feremus si circa hæc vos aut vestros invenerimus negligentes. Valeat, etc. Datum apud Lanthon' Primam, Nonis Augusti, anno Domini, etc., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

In eadem forma scribitur episcopo Landavensi et sub eadem data. Item emanavit alia litera pro episcopo Menevensi, quod dominus scilicet non intendit sibi vel ecclesiæ suæ præjudicare per hoc quod incipit alibi quam in cathedrali ecclesia visitare, et illa scribitur inter literas communes hujus temporis.

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[1] 2 Thessal. iii. 10. | [2] *etiam*] et, in MSS.

DLXXXII.

Ewenny Priory.

1284. 6 Aug. Injunctions. R. f. 235. A. f. 177.

Frater J[ohannes] etc., dilectis filiis, priori et conventui de Ewenny, ordinis S. Benedicti, in diœcesi Landavensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nuper collegium vestrum auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, quædam invenimus religiosæ non satis convenientia honestati, quæ in forma sequenti decrevimus perpetuo[1] reformanda. In primis volentes ut duo monachi de prioris et conventus consilio eligantur, quos thesaurarios volumus appellari, qui totam domus pecuniam, sive de grangiis sive de appropriatis ecclesiis sive quibuscunque aliis obventionibus venientem recipiant et conservent, et ab eorum manibus prior omnes expensas suas et suorum recipiat, et nullatenus aliunde. Et quod de priore dicimus, de aliis monachis intelligimus. Hoc excepto quod ea quæ sunt, si tamen aliqua sunt, ab antiquo elemosinæ deputata, libere maneant illius dispensationi qui intendit elemosinæ conservandæ. Quandocunque etiam prior vel aliquis eo inferior ad manerium aliquod vel locum in quo sunt bona monasterii, declinabit, omnia quæcunque ibidem recipiet, sub certi æstimatione pretii recipiat a custodibus eorundem. Et hoc fideliter per scripturam vel talliam ad prædictos thesaurarios deferatur, ut in ratiociniis reddendis habeatur mentio[2] talium expensarum; et hoc debet cuilibet amatori boni communis et legali monacho complacere; quia per alium modum bonorum communium vera æstimatio haberi non poterit, et per hanc viam omnium furto, proprietario, et sacrilegio aditus excludetur. Ipsi autem thesaurarii de sic receptis ter in anno, scilicet in Carniprivio, post Pentecosten, et in festo S. Michaelis rationem reddere coram priore et senioribus collegii teneantur. Quicunque vero per viam aliam bona ecclesiæ, vel quamcunque partem eorum ausus fuerit contrectare, vel in usus privatos qualitercunque convertere, tanquam proprietarius puni-

[1] perhenniter, in A. | [2] *mentio*] mensio, in A.

atur. Nec liceat tibi prior aliquid de bonis ecclesiæ cuicunque exterius largiri, sine fratrum tuorum consilio et assensu, cum bona sint ecclesiæ et non tua. De elemosina autem taliter ordinamus, ut videlicet omni die residua mensarum pauperibus erogetur. Et cum hoc etiam mensura grani die qualibet quæ *bussellus* communiter appellatur, et hæc mensura diebus dominicis duplicetur, ita quod in qualibet septimana mensura grani major quæ vulgariter *summa* dicitur, cum mensarum residuis distribuatur pauperibus et egenis. Et quia Beati Benedicti regulam circa esum carnium constat esse rigidam et austeram ; quia etiam statutum legati inhibet ne monachi coram sæcularibus carnes audeant manducare, miramur plurimum qualiter vos et secrete et publice carnes audetis comedere dedecenter. Volentes ut de cetero, juxta quod patitur humana fragilitas, in hoc vestræ servetis regulæ puritatem, et etiam in silentio et aliis observantiis monasticæ disciplinæ. Priori insuper qui pro tempore fuerit districte præcipimus, ut sit sollicitus circa suæ familiæ honestatem, et prænominatis temporibus inquirat exterius et interius ter in anno de suorum familiarium honestate. Et si quos invenerit incontinentiæ turpitudine maculatos, eos a se perpetuo amoveat vel ad tempus. Quia etiam prior omnia collegii sui negotia debet secundum regulam tractare in capitulo coram fratribus vel cum consilio seniorum, volumus ut ballivos et custodes bonorum ecclesiæ interiores et exteriores de consilio faciat eorundem. Præterea quia monasterium vestrum, quantum ad spiritualia et temporalia venerabili fratri nostro episcopo Landavensi dinoscitur esse subjectum, volumus ut quolibet anno tempore visitationis suæ videat qualiter hæc ordinationis nostræ[1] series observetur, ut per ipsum nobis innotescere valeat, quem effectum in vobis habuerit labor noster. Cui etiam injunximus ut sollicite provideat de numero monachorum secundum antiquam consuetudinem integrando et

[1] *nostræ*] suæ, R.

augendo insuper, si bona vestra adeo profecerint ut numero servorum Dei sufficiant ampliori. Tantum igitur, carissimi, in hiis facere studeatis ut nominis monachalis rem possitis veraciter obtinere, quia non nomina sed merita ab Altissimo mercedem recipient sempiternam. Hanc autem ordinationis nostræ paginam scribi præcipimus in vestro martilogio, et in kalendis recitari mensium singulorum coram omnibus fratribus in communi, circa cujus observantiam nolumus per aliquem inferiorem nostrum irrequisito nostro consilio aliquid immutari, quin potius sub districtione canonica id fieri firmiter prohibemus. In quorum omnium testimonium impressionem sigilli nostri præsentibus duximus apponendam. Datum apud Lanton' Primam, viii. idus Augusti, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

In eadem forma et sub eadem data scribitur priori et conventui de Goldclive, excepta clausula de elemosina diebus singulis eroganda, prout est superius annotatum.

DLXXXIII.

Llanthony Priory, Monmouthshire.

1284. 6 Aug. Injunctions. R. f. 235 b. A. f. 176.

Frater J[ohannes] etc., dilectis filiis . . priori et conventui de Lantonia Prima, ordinis S. Augustini, diœcesis Menevensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Mariæ portio plena dulcedine cogeretur assiduis molestiis interrumpi, nisi Marthæ prudentia solicita circa multa laboris sui ministerio Mariæ sacro otio in necessariis provideret. Sicut enim natura est gratiæ fundamentum, sic claustralis tranquillitas provida gubernatione temporalium confovetur. Quia igitur possessiones abolim vestris necessitatibus consecratæ sic sunt omnium in communi, ut nullus vestrum in eis possit sibi jus proprietarium vendicare, quamvis ad priorem pertineat dispensatio principaliter earundem; volentes omnem fraudem proprietariam a vobis perpetuo excludere, statuimus ut de consilio prioris pariter et conventus

duo canonici eligantur, ætate et moribus maturi, exercitio probati et consilio providi ac discreti, qui totam domus pecuniam sive ex grangiis sive ex appropriatis ecclesiis sive ex quibuscunque obventionibus aliis venientem, recipiant et custodiant diligenter, et ab ipsorum manibus tam prior quam ceteri canonici sibi necessaria recipiant, et nullatenus aliunde. Et quandocunque prior ad maneria vel loca alia in quibus sunt bona ecclesiæ declinabit, necessaria sibi et familiæ suæ et evectionibus sumat sub talliis et certi taxatione pretii, a bonorum custodiis eorundem; et talliæ super hoc confectæ, vel scripturæ etiam cum scripturas facere oportebit, ad duorum prædictorum canonicorum custodiam deferantur, quos Receptores volumus appellari, ut sic veritas valoris totius domus substantiæ cognoscatur. Si quæ etiam fiant litteræ mutui dati vel accepti, vel cujuscunque contractus alterius vinculum continentes, in ipsorum custodia reponantur, et omnes aliæ sint irritæ et inanes. Quicunque vero per viam aliam aliquid de bonis domus præsumpserit contrectare, tanquam proprietarius et sacrilegus puniatur. Hii vero receptores de receptis et expensis rationem ter in anno reddere teneantur, coram priore et senioribus de conventu, in Carniprivio, in Pentecoste, et in festo autumpnali Archangeli Michaelis. Circa vero gubernationem et multiplicationem bonorum ecclesiæ in maneriis vel locis aliis, sic volumus provideri, ut, videlicet, unus de communi consilio proficiatur providus et fidelis sæcularis, omnium bonorum ecclesiæ senescallus, cui adjungatur eodem consilio canonicus unus probatæ industriæ et zelator publicæ honestatis, quem exteriorem celerarium volumus appellari, cum prior tantummodo jusserit et expedire viderit exiturum, qui cum prædicto senescallo sic in omnibus necessariis provideat, ut conjunctim disponant omnia, nil divisim, et semper de prioris consilio et assensu. Ita tamen quod prædictus celerarius nihil de bonis ecclesiæ possit alienare, plusquam minor canonicus de conventu; et expensas

suas, cum moratur exterius, recipiat vel a dictis receptoribus vel cum necesse fuerit a maneriorum custodibus per tallias sicut prior; et quotienscunque secus fecerit tanquam proprietarius puniatur. Et cum agit exterius, unico comite equite sæculari, vel canonico, sit contentus, qui etiam quandocunque id fieri poterit, domum per obedientiam redeat comesturus, nec convivia faciat absque prioris licentia et moderamine exterius ullo modo. Prior insuper omnia ecclesiæ spiritualia et temporalia negotia tractet humiliter cum conventu. Verum quando negotium de quo agitur non potest sine periculo omnibus publicari, cum quatuor ad minus id tractet senioribus canonicis de eodem, nec obedientiarios, bajulos vel ministros interiores aut exteriores instituat vel destituat sine ipsis. Dona et exennia notabilia nomine prioris et collegii semper fiant et de consilio prædictorum. Generale autem ratiocinium celerarii, præpositorum et ballivorum, fiat in mense Octobri, coram priore et duobus thesaurariis et tribus vel quatuor senioribus aliis de conventu. Circa vero pœnas delinquentium hoc volumus observari, ut nullus scilicet incarceretur nisi pro crimine enormi et etiam manifesto, utpote pro furto rei notabilis, vel rei minoris sæpius iterato; item pro lapsu carnis et tactibus impudicis; item pro violenta manuum injectione in canonicum vel in fratrem vel clericum sæcularem facta vel etiam attemptata; item pro manifesta et maliciosa conspiratione et seditione contra prælatum, præcipue, vel alium canonicum de conventu; item pro inobedientia contumaci, quando scilicet, aliquis contra præceptum rei utilis et honestæ per diem naturalem inobediens perseverat; item quandocunque aliquis ad apostasiæ crimen labitur, vel ad hoc conari probatus fuerit, evidentibus argumentis. Pro hiis ergo criminibus imponatur pœna carceris, quando fuerit notoria vel in capitulo regulariter declarata. Et ab hiis criminibus publicis vel occultis nullus possit absolvere nisi prior. A minoribus vero

possint absolvere supprior et unus alius senior communis pœnitentiarius ad hoc per priorem assignatus de consilio discretorum. Illos vero quos prior facit pro suis sceleribus in forma prædicta carceri mancipari, possit post sufficientis signa pœnitentiæ de fratrum consilio a carcere liberare. Sic autem aptentur carceres ut sint fortes, sed satis habentes de aeris puritate quantum carcerum securitas patietur. Circa vero correctionem quotidianorum neglectuum vel defectuum cujusmodi sunt, fractio silentii, et cum loqui licet effrenatio garrula,[1] vel clamor insolens, gestus incompositus, risus dissolutio, accessus tardior ad communia, præsertim ad divinum officium, prætermissio horæ canonicæ, præcipue completorii vel etiam matutini, inconsiderata murmuratio, contumelia, detractio, mendacium, rumorum ventilatio, turpiloquium, stultiloquium, vel cachinnus, egressus a claustro sine licentia, personæ suspectæ colloquium, commestio extraordinaria ratione loci vel temporis, et potatio inhonesta pro excessu quantitatis vel defectu loci et temporis, præcipue post completorium, gradatim taliter procedatur; ut videlicet per subtractionem pitanciæ vel pulmenti, vel per potum aquæ, vel sedendo ultimo in mensa et capitulo et in choro, et consimilibus, prout melius fieri poterit, castigentur, et crescente insolentia, in terra sedendo coram fratribus hora prandii, et verbera gravia in capitulo sustinendo, et demum prostati jaceant in hostio capituli ingrediente collegio super eos. Et quibus ista non sufficiunt divisim, pluribus vel hiis conjunctim omnibus percellantur. Si quis vero fuerit adeo pertinax quod per ista non valeat edomari, a collegio et collegii consortio taliter separetur, ut reclusus in camera solus ibi maneat, solus comedat et bibat, nulli cum eo loqui liceat, præter priorem aut aliquem vice ejus, donec signa

[1] *garrula*] garule in MSS.

pœnitentiæ in eo apparuerint manifeste. Quod si sic reclusus manserit obdurátus, orationes pro ipso a collegio dirigantur, et si nec exhortationibus nec orationibus nec castigationibus ad veram pœnitentiam inclinetur, carceri et vinculis mancipetur, donec diœcesani consilio innotescat utrum magis expediat fratrem adeo onerosum ab ordine ejicere, vel diutius aut perpetuo in carcere detinere. Circa vero elemosinam taliter ordinamus; ut videlicet aliquis canonicus pius et misericors in pauperes, huic officio præponatur, qui omni die omnium mensarum residua fideliter colligat, et collecta distribuat confluentibus pauperibus et egenis, et aliquid amplius juxta domus condecentiam et bonorum sufficientiam, prout requirit necessitas confluentium vel in vicinia languentium egenorum, quos manifesta necessitas facit pauperes et egenos; nec ulli canonico vel fratri liceat ciborum suorum residua in usus alios commutare. Tibi demum, prior, injungimus ut a filiis tuis studeas diligi toto posse, et illis te hilariorem exhibeas, quos tibi magis putaveris indevotos, et in choro, capitulo et refectorio sic te realiter priorem exhibeas, ut oves tuæ cum gaudio te sequantur, nec pro quolibet hospite communitatem deseras, sed pro personis tantummodo reverendis, vel quæ possunt ecclesiæ tuæ notabiliter proficere vel nocere. Hospitalitatis autem gratia sic omnibus, prout caritas exigit, concedatur, ut tamen nulla mulier sæcularis vel religiosa, exceptis sublimibus sæcularibus dominabus, permittatur infra septa monasterii pernoctare; quin potius mulieres quantum est possibile ab ingressu monasterii et interiorum officinarum præcipue secludantur, et introducentes eas præter casum inevitabilis necessitatis gravi pœna præcipimus castigari. In providendo vero de subpriore, taliter procedatur; ut videlicet vacante subprioratus officio, prior in capitulo vota requirat canonicorum omnium professorum, quorum quilibet duos nominare meliores secundum suam conscientiam ad subprioratus officium teneatur. Prior

autem auditis votis omnium, illum nominet pro subpriore, in quem pars senior collegii direxerit vota sua, nisi forte aliquid prioris conscientiam impediat in hac parte. Ipse enim aliquotiens novit demerita personarum, quæ aliorum multitudini non sunt nota. Circa vero fratres infirmos hæc regula teneatur; ut videlicet prior et ceteri quorum interest, infirmis providere in suis necessitatibus tam cibalibus quam medicinalibus teneantur, sicut sibi vellent in casu consimili provideri. Hanc igitur ordinationis nostræ paginam scribi præcipimus in vestro Martilogio, et in kalendis recitari mensium singulorum, coram omnibus fratribus in communi, et omnibus insuper visitantibus exhiberi, ut videatur qualiter observetur. Circa cujus observantiam nolumus per aliquem inferiorem nostrum, irrequisito nostro consilio, aliquid immutari, quin potius sub districtione canonica id fieri firmiter prohibemus. In quorum testimonium impressionem sigilli nostri præsentibus duximus apponendam. Datum apud Lantoniam Primam, viii. Idus Augusti, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXXXIV.

Uske Nunnery.

[1284.] 7 Aug. Injunctions. R. f. 235 b. A. f. 189.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiabus priorissæ quæ pro tempore fuerit et conventui sanctimonialium de Oske, Landavensis diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia nuper vos jure metropolitico visitantes, invenimus multipliciter desolatas,[1] hujusmodi desolationis materiam cupientes excludere in futurum, ordinamus de consilio discretorum, ut de cetero duæ moniales providæ et discretæ de consensu priorissæ et collegii eligantur; ad quarum manus tota domus pecunia, sive ex grangiis, sive ex appropriatis ecclesiis,

[1] *desolatas*] desolatos, MSS.

sive quibuscunque obventionibus aliis proveniens, deducatur, ipsarum concordiæ[1] solicitudine conservanda. Et tam priorissa quam ceteræ moniales de ipsarum manibus recipiant omnes expensas suas tam interius quam exterius necessarias, et nullatenus aliunde. Et istas moniales Thesaurarias volumus appellari, quæ etiam thesaurariæ ter in anno, scilicet in Carniprivio, Pentecoste et festo S. Michaelis de receptis et expensis reddant coram priorissa, quæ pro tempore fuerit, et coram quinque vel sex de capitulo senioribus rationem. Habere autem vos semper volumus sacerdotem aliquem seniorem in temporalibus et spiritualibus circumspectum, qui de consensu diœcesani omnium bonorum vestrorum interiorum et exteriorum, temporalium et spiritualium sit magister. Qui et solicite invigilet, ut servetur a vobis locis et temporibus honestatis monasticæ disciplina, nec aliquam de vobis septa monasterii egredi permittat, nisi cum honesta et irreprehensibili comitiva. Proviso etiam ut nulla ultra triduum vel quatriduum perhendinare sinatur in domibus sæcularium personarum, vel in earum consortio remanere. Et quæcunque contrarium facere præsumpserit, post reversionem suam graviter puniatur. Hanc autem etc. *ut supra in alia ordinatione.* Datum apud Lantoniam Primam., vii. id. Augusti, anno quo supra.

DLXXXV.

To [John de Pontissera], Bishop of Winchester.

[1824.] 11 Aug. Desires him to excommunicate Valentine, a monk who is leading a

Episcopo Wyntoniensi. Dudum vestram Wyntoniensem ecclesiam jure metropolitico visitantes, invenimus Valentinum monachum in quandam cameram junctam infirmariæ domus propria temeritate intrusum. A qua per bonæ memoriæ prædecessorem vestrum dominum Nicolaum expulsus fuerat, suis demeritis exigentibus,

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[1] *concordiæ*] concordii in MSS.

a qua etiam nos visitantes expulimus, pro eo quod ipsum in eadem camera contra Beati Benedicti regulam vitam egisse carnalem, non sine proprietatis vitio, comperimus evidenter; inhibentes eidem sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam in ipsum tulimus, si de facto contrarium attemptaret, ne in ipsa ulterius præsumeret habitare. Ipse autem sicut vir apostata cauteriatæ conscientiæ, et non tam monachus quam demoniacus, si est ita ut nobis asseritur, contra inhibitionem nostram, qua vix posset esse districtior, quæ tamen suæ non sufficit protervæ pertinaciæ refrenandæ, se in eandem intrusit cameram iterato, anathematis vinculo non veritus innodari, nec scelus inobedientiæ expavescens, quod peccato ariolandi et idololatriæ[1] in sacris eloquiis comparatur. Nos igitur hujusmodi contemptum officii nostri pariter et personæ non dubitantes in Dei injuriam redundare, vobis mandamus, in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes, quatenus, sicut a tanti facinoris vultis excusari favore, dictum Valentinum, quem juxta Beati Benedicti regulam, si est ita, pœnæ substernendum decernimus graviori, faciatis a communione separatum, ut regula docet in talibus, ab omni suspensum actu legitimo, ab omnibus arctius evitari, donec ad cor rediens Deo et nobis satisfecerit de contemptu, prout excommunicatos excommunicatione monastica, quæ minor est quam ecclesiastica, [ut] docet regula, una cum flagellis aliis castigare. Pro certo scituri quod si remissius egeritis in hac parte, non solum Dominum Deum nostrum, verum etiam nos ejusdem Domini servum humilem graviter offendetis, quasi primum obedientiæ jugum a nostra auctoritate veniens repellentes. Omnes autem qui dicto facinori præstiterint consilium, auxilium, vel favorem, si pœnitentes eos inveneritis, pœna arbitraria puniatis excepta absolutione

worldly life.
R. f. 92 b.
A. f. 66.

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[1] *idololatriæ*] ydolatrie in MSS.

ab excommunicationis sententia, quam sicut tunc nobis reservavimus, sic et adhuc etiam tenore præsentium reservamus. Quid autem feceritis et inveneritis in præmissis, faciatis nobis citra Festum Exaltationis S. Crucis constare ubicunque in nostra provincia fuerimus, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valeat fraternitas vestra, in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Alecestr', iii. Id. Augusti, anno ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXXXVI.

To the Official of the Bishop of Chichester.

1284. 11 Aug. Excommunication of the bailiff of Fécamp. R. f. 208 b.

Frater J[ohannes] etc. dilecto filio . . . officiali domini . . . episcopi Cycestrensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Dudum vobis meminimus nos scripsisse ut fratrem Vigorem ballivum de Fescamp', quem exigente justitia propter varias suas contumacias et offensas in diversis locis multipliciter contractas, excommunicationis innodaverimus sententia, faceretis auctoritate nostra per totam diœcesem Cycestrensem per vos et per alios tamdiu sic excommunicatum cum suis fautoribus publice et solemniter nunciari, donec a nobis super hoc reciperetis aliud in mandatis. Verum ne diuturni temporis intervallum executioni hujusmodi denunciationis oblivioni commendet, ipseque ballivus et sibi adhærentes de sua possint malicia gloriari, quia idem adhuc in sua pertinacia et obstinatione dampnabiliter perseverat, disciplinam ecclesiasticam in animæ suæ periculum et plurimorum scandalum contemnendo; vobis in virtute obedientiæ et sub pœna canonica firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus iterato prædictum ballivum et sibi adhærentes in majori ecclesia Cycestr' et singulis aliis ecclesiis ipsius diœcesis, denuncietis per vos et per alios publice et sollemniter, diebus dominicis et festivis,

pulsatis campanis, candelis extinctis, excommunicatos, facientes eosdem a communione fidelium arctius evitari. Et si quos de novo sibi in suo crimine adhærere vel quocunque genere communionis extra casus a jure concessos, inveneritis assistere, eorum nomina fideliter nobis rescribere minime differatis. Quia insuper excommunicatis et ab ecclesiastica unitate divisis sunt merito fructus et proventus ecclesiastici subtrahendi, discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus sub pœna animadversionis districte, quatenus omnes fructus et proventus ecclesiastici, necnon pensiones ecclesiarum ad præfatum ballivum qualitercunque in diœcese Cicestrensi spectantes sine dilationis tædio sequestretis, et sicut inde nobis respondere volueritis, faciatis sub arcto custodiri sequestro, donec a nobis aliud circa hoc habueritis in mandatis, contradictores et rebelles per censuram ecclesiasticam compescendo. Humfridum etiam de Gatewyc, Johannem dictum Scriptorem et alios quosdam, quos tanquam nostri officii turbatores et dicto ballivo pertinaciter adhærentes, nominatim excommunicatos denunciavimus et fecimus per vos et per alios nunciari; iterum faciatis tales per singula loca dictæ diœcesis publicari, præter illos qui postmodum a nobis ab eadem sententia meruerunt in forma juris absolvi. Et si quos illorum interim contingat in fata decedere, faciatis eis sepulturam ecclesiasticam denegari, nisi ipsos constiterit ante mortem vera signa pœnitentiæ ostendisse. Qualiter autem præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis citra festum Omnium Sanctorum distincte et aperte per omnes suos articulos intimetis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Alecestre, iii. Idus Augusti, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DLXXXVII.

To Reginald Fitz Peter.

1284. 13 Aug. Desires him to cease molesting the priory of Brecon. R. f. 209.

Frater J[ohannes] etc., nobili viro domino Reginaldo Filio Petri, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In progressu visitationis nostræ in diœcese Menevensi, non sine cordis amaritudine quædam relatione didicimus fidedigna, quod vos, videlicet, Dei timore postposito et spreto religionis honore, prioratum Brecon'[1] gravatis multipliciter ultra modum, ejusdem homines destruentes et eorum averia et bona alia per vos et ballivos vestros contra Deum et justitiam occupantes, ac alias domum ipsam diversimode molestantes; propter quod regularis disciplina minuitur, subtrahuntur inibi opera caritatis, et subvertitur religio quasi tota. Et quia non possumus, sicut nec debemus, tam enormes excessus conniventibus oculis ulterius pertransire, nobilitatem vestram et senium, cui mors minatur de die in diem, rogamus, monemus in Domino pariter et hortamur, quatenus ab hujusmodi molestiis et gravaminibus et injuriis amodo penitus desistatis, ita quod inde clamor ad nos non perveniat iteratus. Scituri pro certo quod nisi monitionibus nostris parueritis in hac parte, non dissimulabimus amplius quin contra vos et vestros in hiis et aliis prout justum fuerit procedamus. Datum apud Hampton', Idibus Augusti.

DLXXXVIII.

To the Abbot of Sherborne.

1284. 22 Aug. Orders him to re-

Abbati de Shyreburne, ad revocandum Radulfum quondam priorem de Cadewely.

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[1] A cell of Battle Abbey, founded by Bernard de Newmarch, temp. H. I., Dugdale, iii. 259.

Frater J[ohannes], etc. Religioso viro abbati Shyreborn' salutem, et spiritum consilii sanioris. Nuper in diœcese Menevensi auctoritate metropolitica visitationis officium exercentes, fratrem Radulfum de Bemensstr', curam prioratus de Kermerdyn[1] ejusdem diœcesis tunc gerentem, propter sua demerita manifesta ab officio prioratus ipsius amovimus justitia exigente, et ipsum abbatiæ vestræ de Shyreburne decrevimus remittendum; quem in elusionem officii nostri pariter et contemptum ad regimen ipsius prioratus, ut accepimus, remisistis ibidem, sententiam excommunicationis per nos latam in omnes illos qui visitationis nostræ officium directe vel indirecte, clam vel palam, verbo, opere vel favore perturbare præsumerent, non verentes, de quo non modicum admiramur. Quocirca vobis mandamus in virtute obedientiæ et sub pœna canonica firmiter injungentes, quatenus eundem fratrem Radulfum ad abbatiam vestram de Shyreburne sine moræ dispendio revocantes, eundem inibi studeatis informare regularibus disciplinis, alium idoneum ad ipsum prioratum præsentantes si vobis videbitur expedire. Pro certo scituri quod nisi feceritis, dissimulare non possumus sicut nec debemus, quin contra vos et ipsum juxta officii nostri debitum prout juris fuerit procedamus. Datum apud Hampton' xi. kal. Sept., anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII.

call Ralph prior of Kydwelly, whom the archbishop had deposed.

R. f. 209.

DLXXXIX.

Merton College.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis magistro et scholaribus de Merton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sanctæ memoriæ plantator

1284. 31 Aug. Injunctions. Medical students are to be excluded.

R. f. 236 b. A. f. 178.

[1] Kydwelly or Cadwell, a cell of Sherborne, was in Caermarthenshire.

vestri collegii ac fundator intentione piissima archiepiscopo Cantuariensi ejusdem contulit patronatum, pro eo quod ipsius archiepiscopalis sublimior auctoritas, latior jurisdictio, salubrius consilium, zelus sincerior existere consuevit inter ceteros prælatos ecclesiæ Anglicanæ. Licet igitur in archiepiscopali ordine magis misericordia quam vitæ merito succedamus, ad vos tamen præclaram cleri Angliæ portionem imbecilitatis nostræ oculos convertentes, timoris stimulo et amoris igniculo concitati, quædam de vobis audita corrigere decrevimus, ne memorati viri per negligentiam nostram paulatim evanescat salubre propositum, ne etiam vos prævaricatione regulæ vestræ, cui servandæ religione juramenti vos novistis astrictos, sicut patet regulæ capitulo xxiii., tanquam perjuros et infames, ab ecclesiasticis gradibus et honoribus repelli contingat imposterum, ad quos prædicti patris vestri pia vos cupiebat intentio promovere. Ut autem defectus vestri vobis facilius innotescant, et per regulam evidentius reformentur, ipsam regulam per capitula distinximus, et distinctam vobis transmittimus cum rubricis.

In primis igitur contra tenorem tertii capituli ipsius regulæ, in collegium vestrum introduxistis medicos, pro eo quod sub philosophiæ nomine videtur medicina quodammodo contineri. Verumtamen, quia sermones inquirendi sunt secundum materiam, et in distinctione facultatum medici contra philosophos in universitate qualibet dividuntur; quia etiam consuetudo est juris interpres et temporibus conditoris regulæ vestræ, nullus medicus in vestro collegio consueverat collocari, studentes in medicina audiendo vel docendo a vestro collegio decernimus excludendos. Præterea, cum ex superioris tantum licentia liceat quatuor vel quinque scholaribus dumtaxat audire jus canonicum, si tamen humiles extiterint, et jura etiam civilia ad tempus dispensative eisdem in eodem capitulo sit concessum;

quidam tamen ex vobis, ut audivimus, non humiles sed potius arrogantes, rejecto jugo regulæ quam jurarunt, propria temeritate, spreto superioris judicio, se ad audiendos canones temere transtulerunt, ultra præfixum sibi tempus, audiendis etiam legum illecebris immorantes, quos tanquam præsumptuosos et veræ humilitatis expertes ab auditu utriusque juris, dum in societate vestra steterint, suspendimus per præsentes; eandem pœnam protendentes insuper in futurum contra omnes illos qui similia præsumpserint attemptare; ut hiis qui ejusmodi fuerint liceat tantum auditu theologico per residuum temporis indulgere. Præterea vestri collegii institutor in linguæ literalis[1] eloquio cernens clerum Angliæ in parte maxima balbutire, decrevit inter vos grammaticæ discipulos sub grammaticali didasculo confoveri, librorum grammaticalium promptuario consolandos, vobisque loqui literaliter imperavit, quodque hactenus est neglectum; præcipimus sub pœna inobedientiæ ut hæc, quamcitius fieri poterit, juxta regulam corrigantur. Libros autem Papiæ[2] et Huguicionis[3] cum Summa Britonis[4] vobis volumus procurari, qui inter vos super mensam honestam alicubi maneant alligati, ut ad ipsos recurrendi omnes liberam habeant facultatem. Præterea cum in ipsius regulæ quarto capitulo caveatur, quod scholaris quilibet per singulas annuas periodos quinquaginta duntaxat solidis pro necessitatibus omnibus sit contentus, vos tamen regulæ linea incurvata, et quod est pejus gratitudinis et caritatis juribus derogantes, ultra prædictam quantitatem non modicum occupastis, sic privatis prospicientes commodis ut de multiplicatione scholarium, quam juxta multiplicationem bonorum institutor vester sum-

[1] That is, Latin.

[2] An Italian grammarian, author of a *Vocabularium Latinum*. He lived in the 11th century.

[3] Huguecio, or Hugo de Vercellis, bishop of Ferrara, author of a Commentary on the Decretals.

[4] Gulielmus Brito Armoricus, historian and poet. He died in 1226. Fabricius, Bibl. Latin. i.,281.

mopere cupiebat fieri, prout expedit, non curetis, contra proprium juramentum, sicut patet ex articulorum septimo quos jurastis; quodque ex nostra vos auctoritate facere affirmatis, pro eo quod per vos dudum transitum facientes importunitati vestræ quandam laxationem concessimus de lignis et paleis et similibus non satis tenorem regulæ ponderantes. Talia expresse fieri prohibentes, hanc concessionem nostram per præsentes totaliter revocamus, præcipientes vobis sub pœna sacrilegii et perjurii, ne ultra id quod concedit vobis regula decetero de bonis vestris communibus aliquid usurpetis vel sinatis ab aliis quomodolibet usurpari. Illos vero qui delicatius vivere volentes quam pauperiores sufficiant, in expensis communibus modum cogunt notabiliter excedere, quem præfixit vestræ regulæ institutor, nisi tertio moniti resipiscant, cum inobedientibus et perjuris juxta regulæ capitulum vicesimum octavum decernimus puniendos. Perjuri enim sunt hujusmodi, sicut patet ex articulorum ultimo quos jurastis. Præterea non sine admiratione intelleximus quod vos in ratiociniis,[1] quæ audiri solent singulis septimanis, non admittitis magistrum nec aliquem loco sui qui valeat compoto interesse, cum per ipsum si quæ sint residua vel absentibus subtracta, in utilitatem domus converti debeant; cum etiam ipse rebus præsit omnibus et personis. Non potest autem ista præsidentis exclusio procedere aliunde, nisi quia lux est male agentibus odiosa. Præcipimus igitur ut in cunctis hujusmodi ratiociniis, ipse vel loco ejus, cum domi non fuerit, aliquis idoneus admittatur. Et si secus feceritis pœnam minime canonicam evadetis. Decem autem marcas et octo solidos quas vestris braciatori et coco dare temeritate propria præsumpsistis, decetero subtrahatis, cum hoc sit contra exhibitionem vestram in regula præfinitam. Quod si non feceritis imposterum, cuncta

[1] *ratiociniis*] ratiocinio, R.

a vobis exigemus in utilitatem collegii convertenda, quæ temere usque ad hæc tempora in hac parte bonis communibus detraxistis, contra vestri arbitrium fundatoris. Præterea, cum universi teneamini pro necessitatibus domus exire, cum id per superiorem vestrum vobis fuerit imperatum, sicut patet ex ipsius regulæ quarto capitulo, præcipimus ut cuilibet vestrum qui contumaciter inobediens fuerit in hac parte, omne pro inobedientiæ tempore domus beneficium subtrahatur, et quicunque contrafecerit vel faverit facienti ipsum trina monitione decernimus inducendum et extunc ejiciendum a consortio, si fuerit in malitia perseverans, prout de inobedientibus docetur, sextodecimo capitulo regulæ quam jurastis. Et eodem modo procedi volumus contra omnes qui magistro non obediunt in licitis et honestis, cui omnes obedire tenentur, sicut docetur sexto capitulo regulæ supradictæ. Liceat quidem scholari cum sibi aliquid durum a magistro imponitur, se humiliter excusare et petere gratiam. Sed contra renitentes pertinaciter procedatur modo superius annotato. Tenentur autem omnes obedire magistro in hiis omnibus quæ ad regulam pertinent et scholasticam honestatem; sed non in illis quæ difficultate sua formam regulæ transcendere dinoscuntur. Intelleximus insuper dolentes plurimum, quod vos horas canonicas prout ex regula tenemini minime frequentatis; quod non solum accidiosi cordis est indicium, sed et certe perversæ indolis argumentum; dum qui sola hominum peccata manducatis, hoc est pretia peccatorum, spiritualia suffragia benefactoribus non rependitis, ut ingrati. Certe ad Deum currere non festinant qui ipsum ecclesiasticis laudibus non honorant, sed illuc potius de quo scripsit laudator eximius, "Non mortui lauda-
" bunt te, Domine, neque omnes qui descendunt in
" infernum."[1] In hoc igitur sequamini regulæ capitulum octavum; et nonum etiam, ut in mensa lectorem

[1] Psalm cxiii. (cxv. in the A.V.) 17.

de cetero habeatis, quo tempore vel *Moralia* Gregorii vel ædificatoria alia facilia intellectu legi volumus coram vobis, et vos lectionem sacram juxta regulæ nonum capitulum silentio venerari, ne effrenatio garrulæ infrunitæ gulæ,[1] quam ut matrem inhonestam eadem infamis filia sequi solet, sit evidens argumentum. Liceat tamen semper in mensa et alibi omni tempore dicere necessaria breviter et submisse. Sic enim Martha Mariam silentio vocasse legitur, Johannis evangelio contestante. Ita tamen quod literaliter omnia semper in publico invicem proferantur. Nec ulli liceat in villa comedere vel hospites introducere sine magistri licentia speciali, aut illius cui super hoc commiserit vices suas. In receptione autem scholarium velle videmini multipliciter institutoris vestri sacrum propositum enervare. Primo quidem, quia solos debetis recipere indigentes, sicut patet ex regulæ capitulo undecimo, ex quo liquet quod non licet vobis recipere illos qui sufficiunt bona propria vel parentalia, vel illos qui per industriam vel aliam gratiam sibi datam sibi sufficiunt in necessariis providere. Secundo, contra intentionem regulæ non vultis admittere adolescentes habiles ad profectum, sed tantum in scientiis jam provectos, quod contra formam traditam in undecimo capitulo esse constat. Cum etiam, ut supra patet, debeatis admittere rudimenta grammaticalia addiscentes, ex quo vos sicut reprehensibiles increpamus, qui juxta regulæ capitulum xliii. non permittitis pueros de parentela promotoris vestri inter vos ut dicitur in literis grammaticalibus enutriri. Præterea cum secundum regulæ capitulum xiii. recipere debeatis præ ceteris de diœcesibus oriundos in quibus sunt beneficia de quibus vivitis et feodalia constituta, vos a susceptione quorumcunque scholarium suspendimus per præsentes, donec de parentela prædicti patris vestri quatenus habiles inveniri poterunt pueros receperitis in numero competenti; et nihilominus, donec scho-

[1] *effrenatio . . . gulæ*] refrenatio garule infrinute gule, MSS.

lares idoneos secundum regulam de Wyntoniensi et Cantuariensi diœcesibus receperitis juxta quantitatem beneficiorum et feodalium quæ in eisdem diœcesibus obtinetis. Pro certo scituri quod si secus feceritis, nos fructus ipsarum diœcesium, donec regulæ vestræ parueritis, vobis subtrahi faciemus. Et hanc formam omnibus futuris temporibus præcipimus observari, contra vos nihilominus per viam aliam, nisi parueritis, in forma canonica processuri. Præcipientes insuper ut de cetero communam subtrahatis juxta regulæ capitulum quartum decimum, cuilibet beneficium ecclesiasticum assecuto. Quod si facere tardaveritis, vos tenere volumus pro certo quod vos et ipsos communitati restituere compellemus, quicquam eis contra regulam contulistis. Præterea cum loco deficientis scholaris alius debeat continuo subrogari, ut docet capitulum regulæ xix., tresdecim vel sex senioribus in hoc consentientibus cum magistro; quia vos ut intelleximus id fieri minime permittitis, mandamus ut quotiens locus vacaverit, magister secundum formam regulæ provideat indilate, contra reclamantes sicut inobedientes alios procedendo. Præterea cum secundum regulam xvi. capitulo inobedientes post trinam monitionem superioris sui jussionibus non parentes, sint ejiciendi a consortio vestro sine spe ulterius revertendi, interdum cum magister ad hoc vult procedere de consilio discretorum, quidam ex vobis ad hoc specialiter nominati, renuunt ut dicitur ex malitia convenire; ex hoc se fautores manifeste illius qui ejici meruit, ostendentes contra proprium juramentum, sicut patet ex quarto articulo illorum ix., quos servaturos se jurant singuli ingressuri. Et licet consentientes et agentes pari pœna sint merito percellendi, nos tamen mitius agere volentes, omnibus illis qui ad hujusmodi judicium vel consilium sufficienter moniti pertinaciter venire recusant, per quindenam sequentem omnia domus beneficia subtrahi præcipimus indilate. Et si quis tertio in hac malitia favoris noxii inventus fuerit deliquisse, sicut membrum putri-

dum ab vestro collegio penitus abscidatur. Et hæc ejectionis sententia, melius quam hactenus factum fuerit, observetur, et correctiones etiam juxta formam regulæ ter in anno. Præterea intelleximus quod braciator et pincerna et ceteri famuli communitatis vestræ non obediunt magistro, scholaribus hoc impedientibus, qui etiam non sustinent magistrum eosdem corrigere delinquentes, cum omnes interiores et exteriores, superiores et inferiores, magistro teneantur secundum regulam obedire, ut patet ex regulæ capitulo sexto; cum etiam non liceat scholaribus arguere ministros eosdem nisi ob defectum magistri, si forte ipse in eis arguendis negligens fuerit aut remissus, sicut patet ejusdem regulæ capitulo xxxvi. Et quia non est servus major domino suo, præcipimus ut si quis servientum interiorum vel exteriorum magistro fuerit inobediens, si tertio monitus non paruerit, vel correctionem non receperit præsidentis, a domo ipsa ejiciatur penitus sine spe ulterius revertendi, ne inferior sit castigatio famuli quam scholaris. Præterea, sicut vobis dudum præcepimus, adhuc præcipimus iterato, ut villam nunquam soli sed semper ingrediamini combinati, ante noctis tenebras revertentes, et facientes contrarium suspectos haberi volumus donec ipsorum innocentia per viam legitimam fuerit declarata. Hæc, carissimi, vobis scribimus, ut vos reducamus ad regulam quam jurastis, ne parvus error in principio intolerabilis sit in fine, præsenti ordinatione nostra aliis libertatibus vestris vel exemptioni si quam habetis [nolentes] in aliquo derogare. Valete. Datum apud Lamheth, ii. kal. Septembris, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, anno ordinationis nostræ sexto.[1]

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[1] These ordinances are printed in the "Statutes of the Colleges of Oxford," printed by desire of H.M. Commissioners for inquiring into the state of the University of Oxford, in 1853, vol. i., Merton College, p. 40. The references to the chapters of the statutes given above do not tally with the statutes of 1274 (p. 23.).

Cap. iii. cited by Peckham, seems to refer to No. ii.

DXC.

To Edward I.

[1284.] 2 Sept. Condolence on the death of his [third son Alfonso]. R. f. 45.

A treshonerable prince e seignur Edward, Dieu grace roy de Engleterre, seignur de Yrlande, e duc de Aquitaine, frere Johan par la suffrance Dieu prestre de Canterbyre, primat de tute Engleterre, saluz e grant reverence. Sire, par poer de reson ke Dieus vus a donee, vus entendez bien ke nule aventure ne avient en tere ke ne passe avaunt par le juggement del Empereur celestre e de sa curt. Ilekes est comaundee la faiture de touz les biens e la suffrance de touz les maus, kar par les uns maus chastie il sovent les autres. E pur ceo, syre, nus creoms certenement ke la tresdure aventure ke avynt nadgeres de la mort len enfant ke esteit esperance de nus touz est avenue, e pur le bien de lui, ke la malice du siecle ne le besturnast e pur flaeler la malice de la gent, la quele crest de jur en jur, kar issi le dist Seint Samuel au poeple ancyen: "Si "vus," ceo dist, "demorez en vostre malice, e vus e "vostre rei perirez temporaument." Pur ceo, syre, confortez vus en nostre Seignur, e joignez vostre volente a ceo ke est esgarde devant Dieu, e efforciez vous de amenuser la malice de vostre gent par ensaumple de verraie innocence, e nostre Seignur seit vostre solaz e vostre aide. E sachez ke serez en tendant de tout mon poer en tur les choses ke vus me avez envoyees. Syre, Dieu vus eyt en sa garde a tuz jours.

Ceste lettre fu escrite a Wautham le second jour de Septembre.

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Cap. viii.	-	- ix.	Cap. xxiii.	-	- xxi.
Cap. ix.	-	- x.	Cap. xxviii.	-	- xiv.(?)
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Cap. xiii.	-	- xiii.	Cap. xliii.	-	- xl.

DXCI.

To the Minister of the Friars Minors.

1284. 2 Sept. Cannot be present at their congregation, and desires their prayers. R. f. 209 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., sanctissimæ religionis et sapientiæ speculatori fratri Roberto ministro Fratrum Minorum Angliæ, salutem, etc. Quia ad præsens non possumus in congregatorum fratrum alloquiis consolari, rogamus affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus personam nostram et ecclesiam nostro commissam regimini, et processus nostros contra adversarios Jesu Christi, velitis eorum recommendare orationibus impressive. Quæ si ex animo amplectantur, speramus firmiter quod omnem nostris pedibus cito Sathanam substernemus. Noverint autem nos ministerii debito in partem tractos aliam, semper post parietem auscultare et respicere per cancellos, si forte flores pristini appareant; si Christi bonus odor spiret, ut olim ex germinibus hujus vitis; si foramina petræ aspera pulli diligant columbarum; si vox dulcis resonet decora facie confortata; si arceantur vulpeculæ ne possint amfractibus callibus vel carnis prudentia vineam demoliri; si odor ille cuncta transcendens aromata, devotionis scilicet suavitas, sic interiora inebriet ut afforis aromatizet. O absit Aquilo ne flatibus suis torporem ingerat et algorem. Sciatque sponsa se totiens a Sponsi præsentia elongari, quotiens in otii lectula delectatur. O quam terribilis est illa Redemptoris inprecatio, qua ficui sterili maledixit, cum etiam tempus ficorum minime affuisset. Ob hoc, ut credimus, salvis allegoricis intellectibus, ut discamus, quod cum desunt fructus descensionis in Scala Jacob, ferantur fructus ascensionis, quibus nullas ficus credimus dulciores. Et qui non possunt ascendere cum summis spiritibus in directum, paratam invenient cochleam Salomonis,[1] per quam olim ascendentes sanctissimi patres nostri

[1] 2 Kings, vi. 8.

penetrarunt phalas regias stelliones, quas multi alis attingere non poterant aquilarum.

Valete. Datum apud Waltham, iiii. Non. Sept.

DXCII.

To J. de Samesio.

1284. 9 Sept. Asks him to remonstrate with the Pope about his being summoned to France to answer the abbot of Fécamp. R. f. 209 b. A. f. 46 b.

Suo carissimo fratri J . . . de Samesio, frater J[ohannes], etc., salutem. Firmiter opinantes nos a vestra memoria minime excidisse, ad vos audemus recurrere confidenter. Conscientia igitur solida affirmamus quod inter ecclesiasticos sacerdotes nullum invenimus devotiorem sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ quam nos sumus, nec aliquem ab eadem absque demeritis tam multipliciter flagellari. Dudum enim dicitur summus Pontifex abbati Fiscanensi ex gratia concessisse, ut nos veniamus eidem abbati in Francia responsuri, non obstantibus privilegiis apostolicis sedi nostræ ab olim indultis, ut trahi extra Angliam per literas apostolicas non possimus,[1] pro eo quod quendam monachum Fiscanensem excommunicavimus in diœcese Cicestrensi, visitationis metropoliticæ fungentes officio, quia contra jus, consuetudinem et possessionem nostram notoriam, nostrum ministerium non admisit. Demum eundem monachum in cleri scandalum hospitatum in cujusdam hospitio publicæ mulieris, quia citatus super hoc non comparuit responsurus, fecimus per commissarios nostros excommunicationis sententia innodari. Fingens[2] autem idem abbas omnino aliud totum falsum adjecit mendacium, asserens se non posse propter potentiam nostram de nobis in Anglia justitiam obtinere, cum econverso se habeat veritas

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[1] A similar plea was afterwards urged by Henry VIII. when summoned to Rome on the appeal of Katharine of Arragon.

[2] *fingens*] fungens, MSS.

manifesta; quia prædictus monachus, cum ipsum in locis variis Cicestrensis diœcesis fecissemus excommunicatum publice nunciari, impetravit literas regias ad ballivum regis, qui vicecomes dicitur, in partibus ejusdem diœcesis, ut ipse in omnibus locis in quibus ipsum excommunicatum denunciari feceramus, præciperet omnibus ne in emptione et venditione vitarent prædictum monachum aggravationis nostræ vinculo non obstante, hoc adjecto quod ipsum excommunicatum minime reputabat; et sic est factum notorie et publice in scandalum ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, et super hæc omnia facta est mentienti monacho gratia, et innocentiæ nostræ ira. Et plus dolemus, teste conscientia, de dedecentia sedis apostolicæ quam nostris incommodis in hac parte. Quis enim non fiat ad contemptus ministrorum ecclesiæ proclivior hoc exemplo? Quis non miretur pastorem avulsum a gregibus ut respondeat uni lupo? Qualiter insuper sanctissimus pater noster nobis juris communis auferat remedia contra Tedisium de Camilla, multi jam noverunt et nobis condolent in hoc facto. Qui nisi veraciter agamus causam Christi Domini, ut putamus, nunquam Ipsius faciem videamus. Hæc igitur, carissime, cum opportunitatem vobis ministraverit providentia Salvatoris, velitis prædicto patri et domino ex parte nostra humiliter et suppliciter intimare. Et hoc pro certo vos scire volumus, si præsensissemus gravamina quæ quotidie experimur, et inde nullum nobis remedium affuturum, sed plerumque disturbium unde præsidium sperabatur, nunquam superhumeralis sarcinæ imbecillitatis nostræ humeros curvassemus. Hoc solum habemus residui ut ad Illum oculos dirigamus qui judicium injuriam patientibus facere consuevit. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum in diœcese Lincoln', in crastino Nativitatis Virginis gloriosæ, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV.

DXCIII.

Bardney Abbey.

1284. 22 Sept. Injunctions. R. f. 237 b. A. f. 180.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis abbati et conventui de Bardeneye, ordinis S. Benedicti, Lincolniensis diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ut labor visitationis nostræ metropoliticæ fructum in vobis, filii carissimi, pariat permanentem, a te, fili abba, disciplinæ sumimus exordium in tuo collegio reparandæ, volentes ut tu ultra modum prædecessorum tuorum communitatem chori, capituli et refectorii studeas frequentare; ut videlicet quotiens non impedieris laboribus aut negotiis vel hospitibus reverendis, cessante inæqualitate corporis, præsentiam tuam completorio exhibeas et etiam matutino. In refectorio insuper, prædictis quatuor causis cessantibus, comedas diebus dominicis et festivis, et diebus ferialibus omni ebdomada saltem semel, nec commensalem te exhibeas cuilibet adventanti, ne gradus tuus ex communione cum minoris reverentiæ personis veniat in contemptum, vel vilescat ex vilibus convivantibus, quia ex convictu mores capiunt sibi formam; cavens insuper ne pro aliquibus hospitibus carnes comedas vel filios tuos comedere sustineas, contra sancti regulam Benedicti et majorum nostrorum, quæ te latere non credimus, instituta. Præterea quia proprietatis vitium est religioso contrarium fundamento, ut ipsum a vobis perpetuo excludamus, statuimus ut duo eligantur monachi de vestro collegio providi et probati per tuam, abba, industriam et conventus, de cujus consilio abbas tenetur ex regula omnia majora negotia interius et exterius ordinare. Quos duos monachos thesaurarios volumus appellari, ad quorum custodiam tota domus pecunia undecunque proveniens

deferatur, exceptis illis tantummodo quæ fuerunt abolim ad abbatis propriam vel conventus communem elemosinam assignata. Et a dictis thesaurariis tam abbas quam obedientiarii domus, omnia præter dictas elemosinas necessaria sibi sumant. Et si quando abbas vel obedientiarii vel alii monachi transeant per maneria abbatiæ, nihil ibi accipiant nisi emptum et sub testimonio talliæ vel scripturæ ad dictos thesaurarios deferendæ. Et quotiens abbatem exire continget, vel ceteros monachos in reversione sua, abbas per capellanum suum et ceteri per seipsos prædictis thesaurariis de receptis et expensis teneantur reddere fideliter rationem. Et quicunque in hoc ratiocinio fraudem fecerit vel per viam aliam aliquid de bonis ecclesiæ præsumpserit occupare, tanquam proprietarius puniatur. Isti autem thesaurarii de receptis et expensis coram abbate et senioribus de conventu ter in anno, scilicet in festo Sancti Michaelis, in Carniprivio et in crastino Trinitatis reddant fideliter rationem. Et si aliquando evenerit unum eorum absentem esse, vel etiam infirmari, loco ejus statim alius subrogetur, ita quod per unum sine alio nihil fiat. Circa vero regimen bonorum exteriorum taliter ordinamus, ut de communi consilio unus monachus præ ceteris industrius eligatur, et alius etiam expertæ fidelitatis et prudentiæ sæcularis; et monachus forensis[1] dicatur celerarius. Sæcularis vero sit bonorum ecclesiæ senescallus. Et istorum duorum consilio bona maneriorum promoveantur, custodiantur et ad monasterium reportentur, et iste celerarius uno tantum comite equite sæculari vel monacho sit contentus, et nulla exterius convivia faciat, sed domum redeat quotiens id fieri poterit comesturus. Et si cogat eum necessitas exterius comedere, nihil accipiat nisi emptum in forma superius annotata, et quotiens contrarium

[1] *forensis*] forinsis, A.

fecerit, ipsum suspendimus a divinis, donec tribus diebus in pane et aqua jejunaverit, patefacta abbati suo peccati sui integre veritate, nec in relaxatione hujusmodi pœnæ alicui inferiori nostro concedimus potestatem. Isti autem duo, celerarius et senescallus, de receptis omnibus et expensis infra octabas Sancti Michaelis coram abbate et senioribus de conventu teneantur annis singulis reddere rationem. Hoc etiam observato, ut omnes ballivos exteriores et interiores et obedientiarios etiam, abbas instituat et destituat de consilio boni numeri et meriti seniorum; hoc sibi tamen semper salvo, ut juxta quod regula concedit, id in consiliis discordibus libere possit eligere quod sibi magis videbitur conveniens honestati. Præterea fragilitas hominum istius temporis requirit, ut circa confessionis et pœnitentiæ sacramentum concurrant pietas et cautela. Idcirco abbati et uni confessori in forma prædicta de communi consilio assignando, quinque peccatorum genera reservamus, quorum primum est incontinentiæ vitium cujuscunque. Sub quo intelligimus sollicitationem ad hujusmodi flagitia perpetranda, et tactus quoslibet impudicos, sub quibus oscula clandestina decernimus computanda. Secundum est furtum rei notabilis vel rei modicæ sæpius iteratum, et sub hoc etiam proprietatem quamlibet intelligi diffinimus. Tertium est maliciosa conspiratio contra prælatum et seditio quælibet contra quemcunque monachum fallaciter attemptata; et sub hoc vitio detractionem mendacem et calumpniam volumus computari. Quartum est injuria quælibet verbo vel opere facta fratri, donec malefactor læso satisfecerit competenter. Quintum est inobedientia contumax, quando aliquis contra præceptum superioris utile et honestum per diem naturalem inobediens perseverat. Sub quo genere volumus comprehendi conatum quemlibet ad apostasiam, sive effectus fuerit sive non fuerit subsecutus. Ab hiis ergo criminibus

possit solus abbas absolvere et unus alius ad hoc ut dictum est de communi consilio deputandus, et hoc si sint occulta hujusmodi crimina, et unica tantum vice. Pro hiis autem si fuerint manifesta, imponatur pœna gravior secundum regulam, et separatio a communitate usque ad signa condignæ pœnitentiæ, præmissa satisfactione condigna facienda cum res exigit fratri læso, priusquam restituatur delinquens pristinæ libertati. Caveat insuper quilibet ne occasione visitationis nostræ aliquid attemptare præsumat, inquirendo, excusando, accusando se vel alium, improperando, gravando verbo vel opere, vel quomodolibet puniendo, pro hiis quæ nobis sunt in visitationis nostræ scrutinio revelata; præsertim quia contrarium facientes incident ipso facto in excommunicationis sententiam, a qua nullus ipsos nostrorum poterit absolvere subditorum. Hanc autem ordinationis nostræ paginam, ad perpetuam rei memoriam scribi præcipimus in Martilogio, et in kalendis quorumlibet mensium in capitulo coram omnibus recitari. Præterea inhibemus sub interminatione anathematis, ne aliquis vestrum proponere præsumat in quacunque visitatione futura ea quæ sunt in nostra visitatione correcta, nisi forsitan apparerent, quod avertat Altissimus, aliqua recidivi[1] probabilia indicia in correctis. In cujus rei testimonium impressionem sigilli nostri duximus præsentibus apponendam. Valete. Datum apud Bardeney, x. kal. Octobris, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

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[1] *recidivi*] residivi, A.

DXCIV.

To his Official.

1284. 9 Oct. Orders him to warn rectors and vicars to pay the twentieth by All Saints' day. R. f. 210 b.

Frater Johannes etc. dilecto filio officiali suo Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia per registrum nostrum compertum est vicesimam domino regi nuper a clero nostræ provinciæ concessam duobus anni terminis, scilicet in festivitatibus Omnium Sanctorum et Nativitatis beati Johannis Baptistæ pro æqualibus portionibus debere persolvi; discretioni vestræ committimus et firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus omnes rectores et vicarios nostræ diœcesis tam exemptos quam non exemptos, et etiam aliorum locorum in alienis diœcesibus nostræ jurisdictioni subjectorum, præmuniatis per vos et per alios diligenter, quod vicesimam ipsam pro primo termino primi anni solutionis ejusdem paratam habeant, et ipsam in instanti festo Omnium Sanctorum proximo solvant, ut tenentur, collectoribus ad hoc per vos specialiter deputandis, singulos solutionis terminos observando, prout in ipsius vicesimæ concessione extitit ordinatum. Valete. Datum Huntyngdon', vii. Id. Octobris, ordinationis nostræ anno sexto.

DXCV.

To Margaret, Queen of France.

1284. 12 Oct. Refuses her request about her clerk Peter Blanci, who has neglected his benefice and his

Excellentissimæ dominæ Margaritæ Dei gratia reginæ Franciæ illustri, frater J[ohannes], etc., et sinceram in Domino caritatem. In hiis quæ honoris vestri culmen respiciunt, illustrissima domina, et honori divino conveniunt, vestris beneplacitis nos teneri fatemur, et sana conscientia protestamur memores honoris multipliciter per vos nobis exhibiti cum in Francia moraremur. Super eo verò quod nos rogastis pro

duty as executor of archbishop Boniface. R. f. 45. A. f. 152 b.

magistro Petro Blanci clerico vestro, cui quædam ardua vestra negotia expedienda, ut scribitis, commisistis, excellentiam vestram pro certo tenere volumus quod multum insidet cordi nostro ut in negotiis vestris utilitatem vestram ubique procuret, et nos hoc idem libenter faceremus, si possibile esset, vobis in hoc personalem nostram præsentiam exhibendo, parati in hiis quæ secundum Deum possumus pro vestris utilitatibus efficaciter laborare. Sed inter cetera scire debet vestra majestas, quod a tempore quo dictus magister Petrus, ex collatione bonæ memoriæ domini B[onifacii] avunculi vestri, prædecessoris nostri, adeptus est beneficia sua in Anglia, ut nobis dicitur, animarum curam neglexit penitus in eisdem, et parochianis suis neque temporaliter neque spiritualiter in aliquo providit hactenus, quamquam eorum temporalia singulis annis recipiat abundanter. Bona etiam testamenti dicti domini avunculi vestri distribuenda pauperibus maneriorum archiepiscopatus Cantuariensis illicite detinet, ipsius testatoris ultimam voluntatem exequi dampnabiliter negligendo. Et licet eidem avunculo vestro in extremis laboranti non esset reductum ad memoriam qualiter ædificia maneriorum archiepiscopatus suo tempore læsa fuerant et neglecta, pro quorum reparatione et refectione in ipsius defectum plusquam duo milia marcarum expendimus, executores tamen ejusdem de bonis testamenti ipsius hujusmodi defectus pro tempore suo restituere et reparare tenentur, quoniam ad hoc erat dictus prædecessor noster dum adhuc viveret obligatus. Pro istis igitur et aliis quæ tam defuncti animæ quam ipsi magistro Petro valde periculosa existunt, esset ejusdem clerici vestri præsentia nobis necessaria, saltem ad tempus, ut animabus regimini suo commissis, pro quibus habet in tremendo judicio respondere, aliquatenus provideret, et animam defuncti tantis oneratam periculis liberaret. Ad prædicta igitur dignetur ipsum vestra clementia efficaciter inclinare, cujus hacte-

nus ob vestram reverentiam dissimulavimus absentiam, ne inviti manus contra ipsum cogamur extendere duriores, et ad tempus ipsum vestris intendere negotiis patiemur. Valeat excellentia vestra in Christo semper et Virgine gloriosa. Datum iiii. Idus Octobris.

DXCVI.

To the Bishop of Ely.

1284. 15 Oct. Concerning the incontinence of the rector of Eltisley. R. f. 210 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., venerabili in Christo fratri domino Dei gratia Elyensi episcopo, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Sua nobis Mariota de Caxton' conquestione monstravit quod Oliverus filius Ernisii, rector ecclesiæ de Eltesle,[1] vestræ diœcesis, ipsam per annum et amplius suam publice tenuit concubinam, et eandem per eum impregnatam, jam reliquit[2] penitus desolatam, aliam sibi nequiter associans maritatam, cum multis aliis ad propriæ salutis dispendium et scandalum plurimorum. Quocirca paternitatem vestram attente requirimus et hortamur, vobis nihilominus in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungendo mandantes, quatenus si vera sunt quæ de ejus incontinentia sunt præmissa, quantum ad Mariotam prædictam vel aliam quamcunque, contra dictum Oliverum tanquam fornicatorem publicum, secundum statuta legatorum Ottonis et Ottoboni, ad privationis sententiam procedatis. Advertentes quod si archidiaconus vester circa denunciationem hujusmodi turpitudinis vobis faciendam negligens fuerit, pœnam constitutionis circa hoc editæ poterit non immerito formidare. Vos autem satis credimus agnoscere pœnam vestram ex decreto præfati legati, si in hac parte officium vestrum minime

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[1] *Eltesle*] Elteston', in marginal note.

[2] *reliquit*] reliquid, MS.

fueritis executi. Tantum igitur studeatis facere in præmissis quod dicti rectoris debita castigatio horrorem incutiat similibus, et ædificet alios quos ejus spurcitia scandalizat, nosque ex iterata querela non cogamur circa hoc manus apponere correctrices, qui proculdubio hujusmodi conflagita[1] in clericis horribiliter detestamur. Scientes quod si minus debito feceritis circa ejus correctionem, alias faciemus quod iidem legati Sedis apostolicæ statuerunt. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis nobis citra festum Sancti Martini fideliter intimare curetis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Newenham juxta Bedeford, Id. Octobris.[2]

DXCVII.

To Martin his Commissary.

[1284.] 25 Oct. Desires him to appoint a clerk to assist the dean of Shoreham in his judicial functions. R. f. 211.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio magistro Martino commissario suo Cantuariensi, salutem, etc. Ut omnia quæ per nostros subditos disponuntur in luce prodeant, et veritatis testimonio fulciantur, volumus et mandamus ut . . . decano de Schorham unum ex parte nostra clericum assignetis, quem vobis dilectus in Christo filius magister Henricus Lovel ad hoc idoneum duxerit nominandum, qui sit conscius omnium processuum et correctionum quos prædictus decanus in suo decetero faciat decanatu. Et si quos in hac parte contradictores inveneritis aut rebelles, eos auctoritate præsentium compescatis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Dorkcestr', viii. kal. Novembris, anno etc.

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[1] *conflagita*] sic in MS.

[2] The following note is written in the margin: — "Dno. "Elyen. contra rectorem de Eltes-"ton hic *per errorem* scripta." The error probably means that it should have been entered among "Literæ "episcoporum," not "Literæ com-"munes."

DXCVIII.

To the Bishop of St. Asaph.

[1284.] 26 Oct. Desires him to fill the benefice of Llanymynech which has been long vacant. R. f. 93. A. f. 17b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., episcopo Assavensi salutem. Quia intelleximus quod ecclesia de Lameneth, vestræ diœcesis, tanto tempore jam vacavit, quod ipsius collatio ad nos est jure metropolitico canonice devoluta, fraternitatis vestræ discretioni committimus et mandamus, quatenus, si præmissa veritate nitantur, et de hoc vobis constiterit evidenter, alicui idoneæ personæ conferatis eandem, vice nostra, amoto ab eadem quolibet illicito detentore. Datum Dorkcestr', vii. kal. Nov.

DXCIX.

To the Commissary of the Bishop of St. David's.

1284. 26 Oct. Orders him to warn R. FitzPeter not to molest Brecon priory. R. f. 211.

Frater J[ohannes], permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, etc., dilecto filio magistro Nicholao de Marham, domini Menevensis episcopi commissario generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Dudum in monasterio de Bello Cycestr' diœcese visitantes, inter cetera corrigenda quædam invenimus personas fratrum Johannis de la Mere et Rogeri[1] de eadem, monachorum ipsius ordinis, in cella de Brecon' tunc temporis commorantium, tangentia; propter quæ ipsos a dicta domo de Brecon' de juris peritorum consilio usque ad monasterium de Bello fecimus amoveri, ut ibi ad tempus moram facerent pœnitentiam sibi injunctam pro suis demeritis peracturi. Verum quia iidem monachi ad præsentationem nobilis viri domini Reginaldi Filii Petri in prioratu Brecon' admissi fuerunt, et ab ipso loco contra ipsius domini R. voluntatem in ipsius præjudicium ut asserit sunt amoti, ipse dominus Reginaldus priorem et monachos de Breconia et tenentes suos et ballivos suos

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[1] *Rogeri*] Rogerum, MS.

hac occasione gravat indebite, persequitur et molestat, averia sua et tenentium eorundem voluntarie imparcando, blada et equos ac etiam redditus sibi debitos detinendo et contra ecclesiæ sanctæ reverentiam dampnabiliter occupando. Ita videlicet quod nisi ipsis super hiis per remedium justitiæ succurratur, cultus divinus in prædicta ecclesia de Brecon' totaliter destruetur, eosque domum suam oportebit relinquere desolatam. Quocirca vobis committimus et districte injungendo mandamus quatenus prædictum dominum Reginaldum auctoritate nostra moneatis et efficaciter inducatis, ut a gravaminibus, perturbationibus et molestationibus hujusmodi hac occasione inferendis seu illatis per se et suos abstineat in futurum, nec non et dictis religiosis omnia per se et suos occupata, subtracta contra justitiam et detenta, citra festum Sancti Andreæ restituat aut de eisdem satisfaciat, ut est justum. Alioquin eundem dominum Reginaldum ad hoc faciendum extunc, prout justum fuerit, vice et auctoritate nostra per censuram ecclesiasticam compellatis. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis, cum a parte dictorum prioris et conventus fueritis requisiti, nobis fideliter intimare curetis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Dorkcestr', vii. kal. Novembris, anno Domini, etc.

DC.

To his Official.

1284. 26 Oct. Desires him to send information to settle the dispute between the

Frater J., etc., dilecto filio officiali Cantuariensi salutem, etc. Orta nuper dissensionis materia inter dilectos filios archidiaconum Cantuariensem ex parte una, et majorem et communitatem Dovor' ex altera, super exercenda in ecclesia Sancti Martini Dovor', jurisdictionem quam idem archidiaconus ad se jure archidiaconali, et præfati major et communitas ad nos

jure archiepiscopali pertinere asserebant, et exinde diversis periculis subsecutis; nos viam præcludere malitiis[1] et ad juris cujusque declarationem certiorari cupientes in præmissis, vestræ discretioni committimus et mandamus quatenus, assumpto vobiscum dilecto filio magistro R. rectore ecclesiæ de Maydenestan, seu eodem vacare non valente, magistro Ricardo rectore ecclesiæ de Northflete, loco sui, ad dictam ecclesiam Sancti Martini Dovor' personaliter accedentes, vocatis qui fuerint evocandi, per viros fidedignos non suspectos, clericos et laicos, per quos elici melius poterit veritas in præmissis, videlicet ad quem de jure spectare debeat jurisdictio seu subjectio ecclesiæ memoratæ, et de aliis articulis necessariis in hac parte incumbentibus diligentem faciatis inquisitionem. Et quid super hiis inveneritis, nobis quantocius sub sigillo vestro fideliter inclusum transmittatis, significantes nobis nihilominus qualiter hujusmodi mandatum nostrum fueritis executi per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Dorkcestr', vii. kal. Novembris.

Archdeacon of Canterbury and the mayor of Dover as to the jurisdiction of St. Martin's church. R. f. 211.

DCI.

To Edward I.

Excellentissimo principi, etc., frater J[ohannes], etc., cum omni reverentia et honore. Cum occasione cujusdam enormis flagitii, quod nuper in ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ de Arcubus London' fuisse dicitur perpetratum,[2] nonnulli sint juxta vestræ decretum justitiæ ultimo supplicio condemnati, quidam vero clericale privilegium allegantes, et clerici, ut dicitur, inventi tonsura et habitu, sub vestræ dominationis custodia teneantur apud Turrim London'; excellentiam

[1284.] 27 Oct. Asks him to transfer to the bishop of London and himself clerks guilty of a crime at St Mary le Bow. R. f. 45 b. A. f. 131.

[1] *malitiis*] maluciis, MS. | [2] *perpetratum*] impetratum, MSS.

vestram suppliciter exoramus quatenus placeat justiciariis vestris in hac parte regiis dare literis in mandatis, ut venerabili fratri nostro domino Londoniensi episcopo illos de incarceratis hujusmodi sine difficultate liberent, qui ad jurisdictionem suam pertinere noscuntur; nobis quoque vel officiario nostro illos quos nostræ immediatæ jurisdictionis existunt, cum ex parte ecclesiæ fuerint requisiti. Tantum dignetur igitur facere clementia regia in hac parte ut libertas ecclesiastica prosperari se gaudeat sub vestræ regimine majestatis. Custodiat Dominus excellentiam vestram per tempora longiora. Datum apud Dorkcestr', vi. kal. Novembris.

DCII.

To his Official.

[1284.] 27 Oct. Desires him to procure the surrender of clerks imprisoned on account of the murder at St. Mary le Bow. R. f. 211.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio officiali Cantuariensi, salutem, etc. Ad requirendum nomine ecclesiæ a quibuscunque justiciariis ad hoc assignatis vel assignandis clericos quoscunque ad nostram immediatam jurisdictionem pertinentes, qui occasione cujusdam execrabilis flagitii nuper in nostra ecclesia de Arcubus perpetrati, apud Turrim London' vel alibi in carcere detinentur, necnon recipiendi eosdem juxta libertatem ecclesiæ, vobis tenore præsentium committimus vices nostras cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei testimonium. Datum apud Dorkcestr', vi. kal. Novembris.

DCIII.

To Cardinal Godfrey de Alatro.

[1284.] 28 Oct. Commends to him

Reverendo in Christo patri domino Godefrido, Dei gratia Sancti Georgii ad velum aureum diacono cardinali, frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantua-

riensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, cum filiali reverentia paratam ejus beneplacitis voluntatem. Quia dilectum clericum nostrum magistrum Willelmum de Sardynia, exhibitorem præsentium, ad sanctam Romanam curiam pro quibusdam negotiis nostris inibi promovendis transmittimus, paternitati vestræ cum omni reverentia supplicamus, quatenus eundem magistrum juxta paternæ bonitatis condecentiam[1] habere dignemini secundum Deum et justitiam favorabiliter commendatum; tantum inde facientes ut sub dominationis vestræ patrocinio gaudeamus sollicitudini vestræ a sancta Romana ecclesia commendata negotia prosperari. Custodiat Dominus incolumitatem vestram ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ per tempora longiora. Scriptum v. kal. Novembris.

Wm. de Sardynia, going to Rome. R. f. 68

Sub ista eadem forma scribitur omnibus cardinalibus præsentibus in curia Romana.

DCIV.

To the Bishop of Salisbury.

[1284.] 2 Nov. Concerning persons who have gone to Rome to stir up strife between him and the archbishop. R. f. 93. A. f. 67.

Suo domino Saresburiensi salutem et sinceræ caritatis affectum. Illa quæ nobis magister Rogerus retulit, vestræ voluntatis interpres, recepimus affectuosius commendata. Sed non videtur nobis nec consilio nostro quod urgens necessitas sit ad unum casum aliquem restringenda, quippe quæ potest modis innumeris variari. Et credimus quod illi qui ad specificationem hujus articuli vos sollicitant faciendam, nihil aliud quærunt nisi ut nos et vos verbis valeant involvere captiosis. Caveat igitur vestra prudentia ne quorundam fraudibus vel falsitatibus quibus litigatores uti dicuntur assidue, animi vestri innocentia involvatur. Præsertim quia relatu didicimus fidedigno, quod ipsi ante duos menses, per quendam cucullatum de suis ad Romanam curiam destinatum nituntur circa hoc ne-

[1] *condecentiam*] condescenciam, R.

gotium aliquid noxium impetrare, talibus tractatibus interim vos ad considerationis nubulum trahere forsan molientes. Rogamus igitur ne terreamini, qui habetis veritatis et justitiæ fundamentum. Et quia causa ista totius cleri tangit honorem et commodum ac incommodum ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, non sit vobis tædio sed gaudio, sed fiduciæ, sed gloriæ Salvatoris, si oporteat vos pro tam piissima causa expensas effundere, vel laboribus fatigari, quia et nos parati sumus, usque ad mortem si oporteat, in agone isto totis viribus desudare. Nihilominus ad ipsorum animos si possit fieri demulcendos, credimus personas quasdam solemnes eis pro Christi honore humiliter oblaturos, ut si velint provideatur per viam aliquam, ut salvo in omnibus jure nostro, per id quod circa personam vestram factum esse dinoscitur, juribus eorum si quæ habent in posterum minime derogetur. Consoletur igitur vos veritas, quæ vos proculdubio finaliter liberabit, nec detis ausum hostibus veritatis pusillanimitatis judiciis in futurum similia attemptandi.[1] Valete in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Eynesham in commemoratione Fidelium defunctorum, anno Domini, etc.

DCV.

To the Precentor of Hereford and Archdeacon of Oxford.

1284. 2 Nov. Concerning dissension between the warden and scholars of Merton. R. f. 211 b.

Frater J[ohannes] etc. dilectis in Christo filiis et discretis viris magistris Willelmo de Monte Forti præcentori Hereford', et Symoni de Gaunt archidiacono Oxoniensi, salutem, etc. Vestræ discretioni committimus et mandamus quatenus accedentes personaliter ad domum Scholarium Merton', de quacunque discordiæ vel dissensionis materia inter dictos scholares et magistrum Petrum de Abyngdon' ipsorum et bonorum suorum custodem, qualitercunque suborta,

[1] *attempandi*] acceptandi, R.

et de accusationibus et excusationibus hinc inde auctoritate nostra fideliter inquiratis. Ad quod faciendum necnon compellendum dictum custodem, ut coram vobis vel aliis fidedignis neutri parti suspectis quos ad hoc duxeritis deputandos, administrationis suæ reddat ratiocinium, vobis tenore præsentium vices nostras committimus cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Quibus per vos in forma prænotata peractis, nos de prædictis certiores curetis reddere per vestras patentes literas exquisite. Valete. Datum apud Eynesham iiii. non. Novembris.

DCVI.

To the Bishop of Winchester.

[1284.] 3 Nov. Concerning the excommunication of Valentine and of Andrew of Winchester, late prior of Southwick. R. f. 93. A. f. 66 b.

Wyntoniensi episcopo. Dudum ecclesiam vestram auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, invenimus Valentinum monachum [in] quandam intrusisse se cameram, a qua auctoritate bonæ memoriæ domini N[icolai] prædecessoris vestri expulsus fuerat justitia mediante, quam cameram libentius incolebat, quia ut ex ejus recognitione in capitulo didicimus, carnalitatis suæ solatiis, tanquam conjuncta infirmariæ oportunius serviebat, non sine proprietatis vitio concurrente, et quibusdam suspicionibus aliis quas scribere non oportet. Nos autem hiis intellectis, plus volentes suæ saluti prospicere quam suis carnalibus desideriis complacere, ipsum ab illo sentinario latibulo expellendum duximus per censuram, suæ nihilominus inflexibili contumaciæ prohibentes, ne cameram ipsam ulterius inhabitare præsumeret sine nostra licentia speciali. Postea tamen intellexeimus quod ipse propriæ salutis immemor, et nostri mandati irreverens contemptor, in præfatam cameram interdictam sibi audacia vel insania propria se intrusit. Cujus audaciæ nullus nostræ subjectus obedientiæ potuit licentiam concedere talia præsumendi. Quo-

circa fraternitatem vestram requirimus et hortamur, vobis nihilominus in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes, quatenus si verum est, prædictum Valentinum prædictæ cameræ latibulum taliter subintrasse, ipsum sicut excommunicatum faciatis ab omnibus Christi fidelibus arctius evitari, donec a nobis meruerit absolutionis beneficium obtinere. Præterea eodem tempore de Suwyk monasterium visitantes, invenimus ibidem quendam canonicum Andream nomine de Wynton', qui ipsius ecclesiæ prior extiterat, qui etiam pro notabilibus defectubus a prioratu amotus fuerat, quasdam leges et observantias nobis eidem vacante Wyntoniensi sede impositas totaliter infregisse. Quo comperto eidem quasdam observantias alias imposuimus metropolitice visitantes, sub interminatione anathematis injungentes ut earum limites nullatenus egredi attemptaret, cujus tamen contrarium cum intelleximus præsumpsisse ; quem si est ita pœna cum Valentino prædicto præcipimus castigari. Et quid super hiis feceritis, nobis infra Natale Domini fideliter intimare curetis. Datum apud Eynesham, iii. non. Novembris.

DCVII.

To the Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

1284. 9 Nov. Desires him to order the Austin Friars to cease from troubling the Friars Minors.

R. 211 b. A. f. 48.

Cancellario Oxoniensi vel ejus vices gerenti, salutem, etc. In sacris canonibus dinoscitur esse cautum, quod errare non creditur, qui votum suum elegerit pro Dei honore in melius commutare. Proinde viri sancti nobis innumerabiles professi regulas sanctorum Augustini Benedicti, et fratres Cartusienses et consimiles, libere usque in hæc tempora quasi in omnibus mundi partibus ad ordinem Fratrum Minorum, tanquam ad frugem melioris vitæ, publice et pacifice convolarunt. Unde et plurimos fratres in ordine Sancti Augustini,

qui et alio nomine Heremitanos[1] se faciunt aliquotiens appellari, si tamen ad hoc extiterint idonei reputati, tam in Francia quam in aliis mundi partibus et præcipue in Italia circa Romanam curiam, absque contradictione qualibet ministri ordinis Fratrum Minorum, prout eis placuit, hactenus receperunt, et nos similiter faceremus, si ipso officio ministerii ut aliquando fecimus fungeremur. Econtra tamen non sine admiratione grandi nuper accepimus quod prior et fratres dicti ordinis Sancti Augustini in Oxonia commorantes, ipsis Fratribus Minoribus Oxoniæ commorantibus, pro eo quod quendam de suis fratribus in præfata forma canonica receperunt, notam excommunicationis imponunt, et eos multipliciter infamant, excommunicationis sententiam non verentes in Oxoniensi concilio[2] latam contra malitiose famam innocentium denigrantes. Quocirca discretioni vestræ committimus et in virtute obedientiæ districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus ad locum dictorum Fratrum Sancti Augustini personaliter accedentes, ipsos priorem et fratres vice et auctoritate nostra sollicite moneatis, quatenus ab hujusmodi detractionibus decetero abstinendo famam pro viribus Fratribus Minoribus restituant quam læserunt. Quod si tumultum hujusmodi contra Fratres Minores prætextu alicujus privilegii sui se asserant suscitasse, caritative moneatis eosdem ut nobis privilegii sui inspectionem concedant et copiam, ut ipsum cum privilegiis Fratrum Minorum, quæ habemus auctoritate apostolica conservare, prudenti examine conferamus; pro certo scituri quod non permittemus eos, quantum in nobis est, contra sui virtutem privilegii in hac parte indebite molestari, nec Fratres Minores

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[1] They came to England about 1250, and were settled in Oxford in 1268.

[2] "Excommunicamus omnes illos, qui gratia lucri, odii vel favoris, vel alia quacunque de causa alicui malitiose crimen imponunt, cum infamatus non sit apud bonos et graves viros." Council of Oxford, 1222. Wilkins, i. p. 585.

sustinebimus injuriose gravari, sicut nec possumus mandatis apostolicis inoffensis. De die vero receptionis præsentium et responsione ipsorum Augustinianorum et omnibus quæ feceritis in præmissis, nobis citra festum Sanctæ Katerinæ Virginis fideliter rescribatis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valete in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Nutele, v. id. Novembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCVIII.

To the University of Oxford.

1284. 10 Nov. Forbids the assertion of certain opinions condemned by Kilwarby until it is decided whether they may be held.[1] R. f. 211 b. A. f. 47.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis Cancellario et Magistris ac Scholaribus Universitatis Oxoniensis salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nulli nos credimus derogare, si agrum Domini excolentes evellimus et destruimus vitia et errores, ut virtus et veritas suas valeant ampliare propagines, cum honoris fructibus, dum tamen majorum nostrorum vestigiis hæreamus. Proinde nuper per Oxoniense Studium in visitationis serie transeuntes, clamore celebri quarundam personarum nobis incognitarum temeritatem repperimus infamatam, quod opiniones quasdam erroneas in pluribus scientiis astruere non verentur, quas recolendæ memoriæ dominus Robertus Dei gratia immediatus noster in regimine Cantuariensis ecclesiæ prædecessor, de consilio tunc temporis magistrorum dinoscitur condemnasse, quarundam adjectione pœnarum decretum suum temperato libramine roborando. Quorum articulorum nos merito detestantes virulentiam redivivam, nuper publice coram vobis dicti patris processum laudabilem ratum habentes, cum pœnis adjectis, ipsum in suo robore fore decrevimus permansurum,

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 107.

donec maturiori consilio evidentius appareat an in ipsis articulis sit aliquid quod pro pace quorundam possit sine periculo tolerari. Unum vero illorum expresse notavimus articulum, quorundam dicentium "in homine esse tantummodo formam unam." Notavimus, inquam, pro eo quod ex ipso sequitur, ut putamus, nec corpus Christi fuisse unum numero vivum et mortuum, nec aliqua sanctorum corpora tota vel secundum partes aliquas in orbe existere vel in urbe, sed quædam alia quæ non genuerunt matres sanctorum. Sed de novo peperit phantasia, quia sine substantialis formæ unitate nulla potest numeraliter substantia esse una. Nec hoc diximus in suggillationem aut dedecus ordinis Fratrum Prædicatorum, ut quædam postea ausa est asserere lingua temeraria, cum dictus prædecessor noster, cujus factum prosequimur in hac parte, de ipso ordine tanquam portio ipsius ordinis nobilissima ad archiepiscopalem assumptus fuerit dignitatem; cum etiam nullatenus dubitemus condemnationem prædictam de consilio plurium sapientiorum ipsius ordinis processisse, nec unquam alicui mortali homini promisimus quod sic damnatis erroribus nostro silentio faveremus; tum quia verbum Domini non decet esse in nostris labiis alligatum; tum quia error cui non resistitur, approbatur; tum quia sine peccato mortali dimittere non potuimus, quin resisteremus cum modestia periculo evidenti, dicente propheta, "Væ mihi "quia tacui."[1] Sed hoc diximus et in proposito tenuimus cum effectu, quod opiniones ordinis Prædicatorum, pro eo quod essent ipsius ordinis, reprobare minime volebamus, nec fecimus, Deus novit. Sed quod volebamus prædecessoris nostri ratificare processum, ipsius ordinis præcipui amatoris; nec opiniones noxias putabamus esse ipsius ordinis, sed erroris, pro eo quod audivimus eam quam supra specialiter notavi-

[1] Isaiah vi. 5.

mus, a personis autenticis in variis mundi partibus solemniter reprobari, nec eam credimus a religiosis personis sed sæcularibus quibusdam duxisse originem, cujus duo præcipui defensores vel forsitan inventores miserabiliter dicuntur conclusisse dies suos in partibus transalpinis, cum tamen non essent de illis partibus oriundi. Nos igitur qui in hiis processimus innocenter, sicut volumus coram Deo et omni homine, etiam summo pontifice, si oporteat, respondere, illorum audaci miseriæ et miserabili audaciæ condolemus, qui contra auctoritatem ecclesiasticam se jactaverunt nuper, ut dicitur, hujusmodi damnatos articulos defensuros, supra merita sapientiæ sibi datæ ambulare in mirabilibus gestientes, et famam nostram lædere mendaciter sunt conati, non verentes excommunicationis sententiam, qua diffamatores hujusmodi ex Oxoniensi Concilio sunt ligati. Verum ne mercenarii more videamur deficere veritati et ab imminentibus rictibus trepidare, monemus vos omnes et singulos cujuscunque professionis aut gradus, vobis nihilominus in virtute obedientiæ sub pœna canonicæ districtionis præcipiendo mandantes, ne quis vestrum aliquem de sic damnatis articulis clam vel palam scienter audeat defensare, donec in forma prædicta vel per superiores nostros appareat an ipsorum aliquis valeat probabiliter tolerari. Et pro certo sciatis quod contra contrarii præsumptores, cum id nobis canonice innotuerit, procedere studebimus justitia mediante. Obsecramus autem, filii carissimi, per misericordiam Jesu Christi, ut profanas vocum novitates solicitius devitantes, inquirere dignemini quid in hac materia doctores sentiant sæculares, qui jam emeritæ doctrinæ philosophiam et theologiam a puero didicerunt. Scientes pro certo quod claustrales qui spreta sanctorum sapientia philosophorum ventosis traditionibus quas in sæculo non didicerant, curiosius immorantur, tanquam ponentes in tenebris

lucem suam, divino judicio, utique justissimo a principe hujus sæculi merito excœcantur, et cœci cœcos in foveam præcipitant vanitatis. Valete, filii carissimi, in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Notele, iiii. id. Novembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCIX.

Eynsham Abbey.

1284. 10 Nov Modification of indulgences granted by Oliver bishop of Lincoln to John late abbot of Eynesham, and of ordinances by Kilwardby.

R. f. 238 b. A. f. 181.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis . . abbati et conventui de Eynesham, Lincolniensis diœcesis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem.

Nuper in collegio vestro auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, quædam invenimus per venerabilem fratrem nostrum dominum O[liverum] Dei gratia Lincolniensem episcopum circa statum fratris Johannis quondam abbatis vestri misericorditer ordinata, ut prima facie videbatur, nec idem dominus episcopus ordinans aliud ut credimus intendebat. Verumtamen, considerato statu monasterii vestri, et circumstantiis rerum et personarum solicite ponderatis, necessario decrevimus ordinationem prætactam via media auctoritate metropolitica taliter moderandam, ut videlicet prædictus frater J[ohannes] decetero pro se et commonacho socio sibi per abbatis industriam assignando, et vicibus saltem annuis permutando, pro singulis diebus contentus sit quatuor panibus et quatuor lagenis cervisiæ, quod prius pro seipso solo non sine superfluitate percipere consuevit. Diebus vero Dominicis et aliis solemnibus comedat in conventu, mane et vespere, nisi forte abbas in diebus hujusmodi ad cameram suam eum duxerit invitandum; et illis diebus nullum pro camera sua recipiat esculentum tempore sanitatis, nec carnes comedat nisi de licentia abbatis, sicut ceteri monachi de conventu, prout regu-

larem condecet honestatem, qui auctoritatem sibi ex abbatis officio adquisitam debet moribus honestioribus et austeriori parsimonia decorare. De pecunia vero numerata, centum solidis per annos singulos pro necessitatibus aliis sit contentus, pro æqualibus portionibus exigendis, ad terminos eosdem in quibus prius decem marcas percipere consuevit. Ligna tamen et paleas, caseum[1] et butirum recipiat de communi, nec aliquis sæcularis cum ipso comedat sine abbatis licentia speciali, quod districtius fieri prohibemus, quando cum eo de comedendis carnibus dispensatur. Residua vero mensæ suæ ad conventus elemosinam integre deferantur. Ipse etiam cum socio suo conveniat, sicut ceteri monachi, ad diurnum[2] officium pariter et nocturnum. Et licet a nocturno officio excusare se valeat per clausuram, a diurno[3] tamen si se subtraxerit, impedimento cessante legitimo, non erit hoc sine reprehensibili et forsitan dampnabili accidia vel torpore. Armiger autem suus vel clericus potius, quem eum habere religiosam magis condecet honestatem, cum habere armigerum magis sapiat lasciviam vanitatis, comedat cum abbatis familia sui gradus, et garcio suus cum garcionibus abbatis, et nulla alia liberatio extra infirmitatis vel alterius necessitatis articulum fiat eis. Et prædictus clericus vel armiger, si, quod absit, aliquem armigerum habuerit, quotiens circa obsequia dicti fratris J[ohannis] non fuerit occupatus, præcepto abbatis subjaceat pro negotiis monasterii interius vel exterius procurandis. Ceterum, carissimi, inter ordinationes sanctæ memoriæ domini R[oberti] Dei gratia quondam prædecessoris[4] nostri, quædam invenimus quæ oportet pro indempnitate monasterii vestri aliter ordinare, utpote quod ipse de celerariis ordinavit. Ad hoc restringimus ut per abbatem de consilio conventus de aliquo monacho provideatur fidelitatis ex-

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[1] *caseum*] castum, A.
[2] *diurnum*] divinum, R.
[3] *diurno*] divino, R.
[4] *prædecessoris*] prædecessores, R.

pertæ et industriæ circumspectæ, qui forensis celerarii officium exerceat in hunc modum, ut exiturus videlicet et rediturus, cum hoc abbas sibi duxerit injungendum, nullam habeat familiam, vel equos etiam, nisi quam et quos sibi abbas assignandos duxerit in egressu, nec convivia faciat interius vel exterius. Sed in mensa communi cibum sumat sicut ceteri monachi de forinsecis occupationibus redeuntes, et quotiens cogetur in maneriis manducare, nihil accipiat de bonis maneriorum in esculentis vel poculentis nisi emptum sub certi æstimatione pretii, quod per scripturam vel talliam innotescat. Quæ tallia vel scriptura ad bursarios monasterii deferatur, in ratiociniis allocanda. Et idem intelligimus de expensis abbatis vel cujuscunque alterius monachi ad maneria declinantis. Ipsi vero bursarii quater in anno, circa videlicet quatuor quartarum anni principia, de receptis et expensis teneantur coram abbate et senioribus de conventu reddere rationem. Quotiens vero abbatem ad partes remotas exire contigerit, capellanus suus de expensis abbatis reddat in reditu ipsis bursariis rationem. Cetera vero quæ prædecessor noster salubriter ordinavit, volumus in suo robore permanere. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Nuttele, iiii. id. Novembris, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCX.

Godstow Abbey.

Injunctions modifying previous injunctions of Kilwardby.[1] R. f. 223. A. f. 183.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis in Christo filiabus . . abbatissæ et conventui de Godestowe, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem.

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 37.

Pudicitia virginum est speciale militantis ecclesiæ ornamentum, sinceritatem repræsentans angelicam, ac Regem gloriæ Dominum Jesum Christum in cordis provocat osculum et amplexum. Hinc igitur thesaurum tam incomparabilem qui perditus recuperari non potest, quem spiritualis Dei adoptio in vestro collegio reposuit, volentes circumcingere munimine disciplinæ, et solius Dei astringere, cujus licet indignus existimus paranymphus, vobis subscripta mandamus inviolabiliter observari. Frustra enim laboravimus pro illibato servando vestræ lilio castitatis, nisi vestra conetur sancta æmulatio nostris vos monitis coaptare. In primis igitur, ordinationes sanctæ memoriæ domini Roberti prædecessoris nostri, cum adjectionibus ac modificationibus subjungendis præcipimus firmiter custodiri. Ut videlicet, ecclesiasticum officium in quo habetis Sponsum alloqui, et Ejus suscipere spiramina, temporibus debitis cum omni reverentia celebretis; quo tempore nulli sane a choro se liceat absentare, nisi sit obedientialiter in necessariis, non in forinsecis colloquiis occupata. Ipsum autem officium præcise et integre præcipimus decantari. Præcise inquam ut tam in missis chori quam beatæ Virginis excludantur per annum totum supervacuæ novitates, nec novum aliquid inibi decantetur nisi de consilio magistri et abbatissæ pariter ac cantricis; sed novis omnibus vetera præponantur. Integre etiam officium celebretur, rejecta penitus mutilatione officii monastici, quam invenerunt nuper præsidentes capituli monachorum Abundoniæ celebrati. Puerilia autem solemnia quæ in festo solent fieri Innocentum, post vesperas Sancti Johannis tantum inchoari permittimus, et in crastino in ipsa die Innocentum totaliter terminentur. Pro regimine insuper conventus maturiores ac prudentiores teneatur abbatissa vocare pro negotiis domus intrinsecis et extrinsecis salubriter disponendis. Quod si aliqua secundo vocata venire contempserit, in sequenti prandio

ei pitancia subtrahatur. Quod si tertio non veniens aurem obstruxerit imperanti, panis ei et aqua in proximo prandio tantummodo concedantur. Idem dicimus in omnibus illis quæcunque quandocunque inobedientes propriæ inhæserint voluntati. Ad castitatis autem testimonium certius obtinendum, statuimus moniales ab ambitu monasterii non exire, nisi pro necessitate quæ per personas alias nequeat expediri. Unde perhendinationes quæ consueverunt fieri in domibus amicorum ad solatium et subterfugium disciplinæ, præsentibus perpetuo condemnamus. Cum vero pro necessitate aliqua aliquas exire continget, hæc quatuor districte præcipimus observari. Primo, ut tantum secura et matura societas tam monialium quam personarum sæcularium assistentium egredi permittatur. Secundo, ut statim expedito negotio, quatenus per eas expediri poterit, domum illico revertantur. Et si negotii expeditio tractum exigat plurium dierum, post primam vel secundam diem negotii consummatio procuratoribus relinquatur. Tertio, ut nunquam in religiosorum ambitu vel clericorum domibus, aut aliis suspectis habitaculis hospitentur. Quarto, ut nulla a sociæ vel sociarum suarum aspectibus ubi humanum possit haberi colloquium absentetur. Sed nec aliquod audiat secretum susurrium nisi sub testimonio monialium sociarum, nisi forte pater aut mater, frater aut soror, aliquid habeat secretius sibi loqui. Hoc autem ubique servari volentes, præcipue respectu Oxoniensis studii præcipimus observari Cujus etiam rei gratia cum veniunt ad colloquendum vobis scholares Oxonienses, nolumus monialem aliquam ad confabulandum talibus accedere, nisi de licentia abbatissæ, et nisi sint notorie propinqui ad minus in tertio consanguinitatis gradu, præcipimus eis omnium sic adventantium scholarium colloquia denegari; nec cum eis familiaritates curetis nectere speciales, quia hujusmodi affectus sordidos frequenter excitat cogi-

tatus; nec in congregationibus aliquid existimamus perniciosius quam familiaritates particulares quærere, et in partem affectum trahere, qui habet in omnes communiter ampliari. Cum autem moniali conceditur colloquium ex causa rationabili, semper sub duarum aliarum monialium, de quibus nulla sit sinistra suspicio, audientia et testimonio fieri permittatur; adeo ut nihil ex proposito dicat scholari seu cuicunque sæculari vel religioso, extra casum confessionis, vel etiam mulieri præter notorie propinquas nisi sub duarum testimonio prædictarum. Si enim bona et salutaria sunt dicenda, expedit ut sciantur. Si mala quis intendat suggerere, non sunt in sanctitatis vestræ auribus admittenda. Cum insuper talia sunt colloquia terminata, inhibemus decetero ne moniales hujusmodi pro colloquentium conductu, locutorii januam exeant ullo modo, nec etiam stent exterius in atrio, ubi sæcularium est concursus, sed interius, tantum in hortis et pomeriis,[1] quatenus requirit necessitas et honestas patitur, si non desit omnimoda securitas, consolentur. Adjicimus etiam ne moniales cum quibuscunque magnatibus aut personis sæcularibus vel religiosis comedant intra monasterii sui septa. Melius est enim si velint quicunque aliquid de sua munificentia quibuscunque monialibus erogare, ut id interius distribuatur omnium vel plurium necessitatibus in communi, quam in parte exterius non sine religionis dedecore, quod frequenter erumpit in conviviis, expendatur. Chorum insuper vestrum, dormitorium, refectorium, claustrum et interiores ceteras officinas a personis sæcularibus juxta consilium Octoboni et religiosis etiam vacua esse præcipimus, nisi aliquando aliud exposcat fieri necessitas manifesta. Et qui contra fecerit indignationem omnipotentis Dei se noverit incursurum. Religiosi autem

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[1] *pomeriis*] i.e. pomariis, not pomœriis. See p. 855.

omnes et sæculares ad vestrum monasterium accedentes in communi hospitalaria comedant vel in camera abbatissæ, et nullatenus in cameris infra claustrum. Mulieres etiam sæculares sub specie ancillarum monialibus servientes, quantum patitur necessitas, repellantur, nec hujusmodi velentur de cetero, sine diœcesani licentia speciali. Obsecramus insuper, filiæ carissimæ, ut locis et temporibus statutis servetis sollicite silentium disciplinæ, ad memoriam reducentes quod teste Jacob apostolo vana est religio et seducens quæ linguam ab indebitis non refrenat.[1] Quidam etiam sapiens dicit quod ille veraciter est intelligens qui linguam suam refrenat, ut sit de solo Altissimo sermo ejus. Circa vestimenta autem monialium Sancti Benedicti regula sollicite observetur. Cujus rei gratia inhibemus, ne de burneto unquam imposterum induantur, nec rugatas habeant tunicas, nec etiam birrorum immoderantia vestes sibi faciant latitudine fluctuantes, cum hoc nihilominus sollicite servantes quod circa talia in Oxoniensi Concilio dudum fuerat ordinatum.[2] Quia insuper verba humilia humilitatis frequenter affectum excitant, sciatis vos monachas vel moniales dicendas esse non dominas, sicut nec monachi possunt sine ridiculo domini appellari. Circa confessiones autem taliter duximus ordinandum, ut in loco tantum fiant publico coram altari exposito, transeuntibus universis, nec

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[1] James I. 26.

[2] Statute xxxii. of the Council of Oxford held in 1222: "Adhæc, quoniam sexum muliebrem, contra versutias hostis antiqui minus fortem, multiplici remedio necesse est efficacius communiri, decernimus ut moniales, et ceteræ mulieres divino cultui dedicatæ, velum vel peplum sericum non habeant, nec in velo acus argenteas vel aureas audeant deportare. Nec ipsæ, vel monachi seu canonici regulares habeant zonas sericas, vel auri vel argenti ornatum habentes, vel burneto vel alio panno irregulari de cetero utantur. Metiantur etiam juxta dimensionem corporis vestem suam, ita quod longitudinem corporis non excedat, sed pede sicut decet subducto, sufficiat eis indui veste talari. Et sola monialis consecrata deferat annulum, et uno solo sit contenta." Wilkins, i. 590.

valeat absolutio secus facta. Confessores autem sint magister qui pro tempore fuerit, si sacerdos extiterit, et principalis pariter inter capellanos, si nulla obviet suspicio; duo etiam certi fratres Prædicatores et duo consimiliter Minores vel plures, quatuor scilicet de illis, et quatuor de istis, si necessitas id requirat. Alii autem religiosi ab auditu confessionum vestrarum penitus sint exclusi. De fratribus autem seu conversis hæc forma imposterum teneatur; ut videlicet omnes intendant majori capellano, et tam ipse quam ipsi obediant magistro, nec in dispositione temporalium audeant fratres sine prædicti magistri vel saltem capellani majoris consilio aliquid attemptare; sed eorum subjaceant monitis penitus in agendis. Quod si fratrum aliquis eis vel alteri ipsorum contempserit obedire, si per triduum tertio monitus inobediens perseveret, ab hac fraternitate ablato sibi habitu expellatur, nec restitui valeat quantumcunque pœnitens sine diœcesani licentia speciali. Idem dicimus de illis fratribus qui de receptis et expensis contemnunt reddere rationem. Et quia numerus fratrum prædictorum posset esse faciliter conventui onerosus, prohibemus ne frater aliquis de cetero novus fiat, donec per mortem vel modum alium numerus eorum ad quaternarium sit reductus. Et si qui contrarium facere præsumpserint, tam receptores quam receptos excommunicationis sententia innodamus. Postquam insuper ad quaternarium reducti fuerint, nullus ad fraternitatem illam penitus admittatur, nisi de consilio et assensu magistri domus qui pro tempore fuerit, abbatissæ cum senioribus et prudentioribus monialibus, et majoris inter ecclesiæ capellanos. Et si secus attemptatum fuerit excommunicationi subjicimus consentientes pariter et agentes. Fratres etiam ipsi, cum sunt in ambitu abbatiæ, comedant in loco communi, ubi comedunt scilicet magister et ecclesiæ capellani. Qui magister omnes eis speciales delicias subtrahat, nec alibi comedere sus-

tineat nisi pro infirmitate corporis manifesta, quod ipsi magistro quantum possumus districte præcipimus, eis si secus fecerit pœnam anathematis comminantes. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa.

DCXI.

To the Abbess and Convent of Godstow.

1284. 12 Nov. Does not believe in the report about the sub-prioress. Forbids the nuns talking with priests or scholars from Oxford. R. f. 239.

Frere Johan par la suffraunce Deu prestre de Canterbire, primat de tut Engleterre, a ses tres cheres fulyes . . Abbesse de Godestowe e le covent, saluz, e la beneizon Deu. Sachez ke nous ne tenun pas ke diffamaciun soit levee contre vostre su prioresse, pur la quele il soit mester ke ele soit mise a purgacion, ne unkes ne oimes nule persone religieuse ne seculere dire de li parole de suspeciun de peche charnel, ainz la tenouns por nette e pur chaste kant a tote charnalite. Mes nous volons ke ele se gart de paroles dount suspecion puisse sordre. E ovekes ceo nous defendons ke nule nonein ne parle a nul homme seculer, si deus autres noneins bones et de bon renoun ne oient kant ke len li dirra et kant ke ele dirra. E totes celes ke autrement le frount, nous commandons ke eles soient severees de la commune, sicum la riule comaunde des mesfesaunz, et issi tenues deskes ataunt ke len les voie purement repentaunz. E sachez si vous, abbesse, ne fetes garder cest ordenement, nous i mettrons tel peine ke vous le sentirez solonc discipline de religion. Oveke ceo nous deffendons de part Deu ke nule nonein ne parle a escoler de Oxeneford, se il nest sun parent prechein, e ovekes ceo saunz le conge la abbesse especial. E ceo meismes entendons nous de touz prestres foreins, le queus font mout de maus en mout de lus, e aussi de touz religieus ki ne venent pur precher u pur confesser ove lautorite le apostoile e le eveske de Nichole. E deffendons ke nul religieus autres ne soient

ilukes receu par nuit, e ceo sus peine de escumenge. Ovekes ceo nus deffendun ke nule nonein ne entre en la sale as hostes, ne en nule chambre ne mesun de hors le cloistre, si ele ni va en la compaignie labbesse, u de la priuresse. E si nule fet le contraire, nous volun ke ele soit seuree du covent, deska taunt ke ele eit mustre sa innocence parfitement. E pur ceo ke ele est inobediente a nostre ordenement, ke ele soit quinze jours enclose en une chambre seuree en penaunce. E ceo ke nous disoms desus de escolers, des prestres, et de genz de religion, nous entendoms de touz autres, mes pluis especiaulment des avaunt dit treis manere de genz; pur ceo ke de ceaus porreit pluis legerement sourdre esclaundre. E sachez si vous ne fetes garder ces choses, vous nous troverez pluis estraunges en vos bosoyngnes, se il avient ke vous eez afere de nous. E voloms ke ceste lettre soit lue as kalendes de chascun moys. Deu vous ait en sa garde. Ceste lettre fu donee le Dimenge apres la Seint Martin, a Nuttele, le an de la Incarnacion nostre Seigneur milime deucentime utauntime quart, et de nostre ordinaciun syme.

DCXII.

To the Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

1284. 14 Nov. Commission to inquire about the articles condemned by Kilwardby.[1]

R. 212. A. f. 48 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiis magistro Rogero Cancellario Universitatis Oxoniensis, vel ejus vices gerenti, et magistro Roberto de Flethamme, sacræ theologiæ doctori, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Recolendæ memoriæ sanctitatis et sapientiæ titulis illustris dominus Robertus, Dei gratia noster immediatus in regimine Cantuariensis ecclesiæ prædecessor, in progressu visitationis metropoliticæ, quam in Lincolniense diœcese exercebat, veniens Oxoniam in pluribus faculta-

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 108.

tibus quosdam ibi errores repperit seminatos;[1] quorum perniciem considerans bonas indoles maculasse, damnavit plures erroneos articulos de consilio magistrorum sub certarum adjectione pœnarum, compulsis etiam quibusdam errores hujusmodi abjurare. Cujus nos exploratam sollicitudinem ratam habentes, non sine necessitate urgenti, nuper diœcesani communicato consilio in sermone publico prædictam damnationem ipsorum articulorum cum pœnis adjectis, decrevimus in suo robore duraturam, donec exquisita indagine viderimus, an in ipsis articulis sit aliquid quod possit probabiliter tolerari. Scientes igitur commissum esse arbitrio sacerdotum lepras discernere et munditiam innocentiæ declarare, volentes huic cancerosæ prurigini quam poterimus adhibere pastoralis officii medicinam, ne a nobis exigat districtus Judex animas pereuntes; vobis in virtute obedientiæ districte præcipiendo mandamus quatenus per omnes vias quibus veritas vobis clarescere poterit facti hujusmodi, sine scandalo et tumultu[2] inquiratis sollicite qui sunt articuli universi quos damnasse dicitur tantus pater; quas pœnas adjecerit; qui sunt illi quos articulos hujusmodi omnes vel aliquos compulit abjurare; qui insuper jurati vel non jurati damnatos articulos communiter vel particulariter defendere præsumpserunt, vel adhuc etiam audent hujusmodi defensare. Cujus inquisitionis cum celeritate debita faciendæ vobis tenore præsentium committimus vices nostras cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Quid autem in hiis feceritis, quid etiam inveneritis, nobis citra festum Sancti Nicholai fideliter significare curetis per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Loffeld, xviii. kal. Decembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis nostræ vi.

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[1] *seminatos*] feminatos in A. | [2] *tumultu*] strepitu, A.

DCXIII.

To the Prior and Convent of Luffield.

1284. 15 Nov. Revocation of privileges granted by Oliver Sutton, bishop of Lincoln, to William late prior.

R. f. 239 b. A. f. 171.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis, priori et conventui de Loffeld, Lincolniensis diœcesis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Nuper ecclesiam vestram auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, invenimus venerabilem fratrem dominum O[liverum], Dei gratia Lincolniensem episcopum, quædam circa statum fratris Willelmi, quondam prioris vestri favorabiliter ordinasse, volentem ordinationem suam tamdiu dumtaxat in suo robore permanere, quamdiu prædictus frater Willelmus honeste et regulariter se haberet. Verumtamen, quia nos in visitationis scrutinio ipsum invenimus libertatem sibi datam in occasionem carnalis solatii inexcusabiliter convertisse, prædictam ordinationem auctoritate metropolitica ex intentione ordinantis decernimus ulterius non tenere; privantes prædictum fratrem Willelmum sibi camera assignata, qua in accidia dampnabili hactenus est abusus, interdicentes sibi somnum et cibum decetero in eadem, et restituentes eam exnunc infirmariæ pro necessitatibus infirmorum; volentes ut quamdiu sanus fuerit, jaceat in dormitorio et comedat in refectorio, nisi forte prior aliquando ipsum ad cameram suam cum hospitibus duxerit evocandum. Cum vero infirmus extiterit, jaceat et comedat in infirmaria, sicut ceteri infirmantes. Pro vestibus autem nec ipse nec alius monachus pecuniam accipiat numeratam, cum legatus hoc in suis inhibuerit institutis. De medicinalibus vero suis provideatur necessitatibus, prout pensatis omnibus ecclesiæ sufficiunt facultates. Ad divinum insuper officium, nocturnum pariter et diurnum, veniat quotiens infirmitas non obviat manifesta. Hæc autem omnia ei præcipimus per obedientiam observare; volentes ut si contra aliquam particulam

hujus ordinationis nostræ contumaciter se erexerit, separatus sit ipso facto a communione et reclusus ab omnibus, ut docet regula, evitetur, donec humiliter obediat omnibus supradictis. Garcionem etiam suum præcipimus jacere et comedere cum garcionibus communitatis, et nullatenus intra claustrum. Hostium insuper juxta cameram supradictam, quod ducit versus pomerium, decetero clausum stare præcipimus et seratum, donec ipsum pomerium muri decentis ambitu sit conclusum, cujus hostii clavem custodiat solus prior. Possint tamen infirmi ante solis occasum per ipsum egredi et ingredi spaciatum, ita tamen quod clavis hostii semper in prioris custodia sit de nocte. Tibi igitur, prior, præcipimus sub pœna inobedientiæ, ut omnia prædicta facias fideliter observari. Et si quem inveneris istis in aliquo resistentem, illud nobis significes indilate. Præterea si prædictum fratrem Willelmum perpenderis aliqua signa certa apostasiæ prætendere, ut se facturum ausus est astruere coram nobis, eum facias in arcto carcere detineri, donec per condignam pœnitentiam diluerit tantum crimen, et tam ipsum quam alios a suspectis colloquiis mulierum studeas tam rigide coercere, ut extincta infamia non resurgat; et etiam cum sæcularibus hominibus non loquantur, nisi justa necessitas vel pia utilitas id exposcant, et semper de tuo, prior, scitu et licentia, ut omnis suspicio et conspiratio perpetuo excludantur. Valete. Datum apud Rodeston', xvii. kal. Decembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXIV.

To the Archdeacon of Oxford.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., archidiacono Oxoniensi et ejus officiali, salutem. Nuper nobis innotuit clamore valido, quod ille qui sub umbra protectionis vestræ

1284. 16 Nov. Desires him to in-

vestigate a charge of adultery against the rector of St. Ebbes.

R. f. 155.
A. f. 89.

se gerit pro rectore ecclesiæ Sanctæ Ebbæ, Oxoniæ, horrendum facinus cum flagitio non veritus perpetrare, filiam suam spiritualem, uxorem scilicet cujusdam parochiani sui dicti Willelmi le Boltere, continuato corrumpens incestu et adulterio, de ipsa filium sibi similem et filiam suscitavit in scandalum totius parochiæ et non exilis numeri aliorum. Cumque dictus Willelmus prædictum rectorem nominalem argueret de turpitudine supradicta, ipse rector luxuriæ suæ impedimenta detestans, comminatus est ferociter arguenti, et minas facto execrabili superavit, imponens namque eidem decimarum quarundam detentionem, mendaciter ut putatur, excommunicationis de facto ipsum vinculo innodavit, et falsitatis suggestione ipsum mancipari carceri procuravit, ut liberius luxuriæ suæ prætactæ turpitudinem adimpleret. Prædicto autem Willelmo in carcere tabescente, et jam morti propinquo, ipsius misericordiam implorante, procuravit eum a carcere liberari, et dum liberatus ipse prædictum adulterum suam contumacem nequitiam increparet, ipse adulter de irritata[2] lubricitate sua denuo concitatus, procuravit ipsum Willelmum iterato vinculis mancipari et tamdiu detineri crudeli carceri mancipatum, quamquam semper se paratum stare mandatis ecclesiæ per Willelmum de Wodestune cum humili instantia fateretur, donec in carcere spiritum exhalaret. Et quia tantam nequitiam non decet nos conniventibus oculis relinquere incorrectam, vobis in virtute obedientiæ districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus, sicut de tam horrendorum scelerum non vultis argui participio vel favore, ab omnibus illis per quos veritas sciri poterit, facti hujus sollicite inquiratis an in parte vel in toto subsit veritas famæ isti. Et quicquam inde inveneritis, nobis citra festum Sancti Nicholai plenarie rescribatis per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Quod si non ambo hiis interesse poteritis

[1] *Ebbæ*] Eliæ, MS. | [2] *irritata*] irretita, A.

exequendis, alter vestrum nihilominus vocatis vocandis ea cum celeritate debita exequatur. Datum apud Rodeston', xvi. kal. Decembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXV.

To the Bishop of Lincoln.

[1284.] 24 Nov. Remonstrates with him for citing persons in the university of Oxford who are under the chancellor's jurisdiction.[1]

R. f. 93. A. f. 67 b.

Lincolniensi episcopo, etc. Quantæ sit utilitatis et spei ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, quantique honoris et gloriæ genti nostræ studium universitatis Oxoniensis, quod diversarum scientiarum exercitiis personas producit eximias, multiplicium virtutum decoratas ornatibus, vos plene novistis et universalis ecclesia non ignorat. Quanta quoque desolatio et conceptæ spei dejectio Anglicanæ immineret clero provinciæ, si universitas ipsa, quod absit, deficeret, vel ne suis continue vigeret profectibus turbaretur, satis constat omnibus et nos quotidianis indiciis experimur. Sane dudum inter vos et universitatem prædictam super quadam ipsius immunitate,[2] qua usi sunt hactenus, suborta materia quæstionis, tandem pro bono studii, quæ communium amicorum dissimulastis instantia, quæ forsitan rigor justitiæ alio modo terminasset. Nunc autem de novo ad aures nostras [3] pervenisse noveritis, quod contra consuetudines et immunitates universitatis prædictæ, prædecessorum vestrorum temporibus approbatas, nonnullos clericos et magistros ejusdem, indebitis vexationibus et molestiis aggravatis; ipsos super hiis quæ ad cognitionem sui cancellarii ab antiquo pertinent, nitentes coram vobis indebite convenire, ex quo quies studentium læditur et profectus. Rogamus igitur fraternitatem vestram affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus vocationes et vexationes hujusmodi velitis

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 111.

[2] *immunitate*] emunitate, R., here and elsewhere.

[3] *nostras*] repeated in R.

precum nostrarum obtentu, vel omnino instar prædecessorum vestrorum remittere vel dissimulare saltem et differre, usque ad congregationem fratrum proxime futuram post Pascha, Domino concedente, quando circa hoc de fratrum ipsorum consilio, quod magis expedire videbitur, poteritis securius exercere. Petunt quidem contra jus commune, ut creditur, sed hoc eo liberius et decentius pro tanti studii emolumento, ad præsens dissimulare poteritis, quo idem nonnullis universitatibus aliis pro quiete studentium dicitur esse concessum. Tantum igitur in hac parte vestra dignetur pietas operari, ut prædictum studium quod est Anglicanæ ecclesiæ præfulgidum luminare, vestris temporibus continuis luceat incrementis. Valete. Datum Norhaumpton', viii. kal. Decembris.

DCXVI.

To the Bishop of Lincoln.

[1284.] 24 Nov. Disapproves of his interference with the jurisdiction of the chancellor of the University of Oxford.[1]

R. f. 93 b. A. f. 17 b.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione, etc., venerabili in Christo fratri domino O[livero] Dei gratia Lyncolniensi episcopo, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Intra ambitum sollicitudinis vestræ nihil majus esse credimus, nec æquale Oxoniensi studio, quod in morem putei aquarum viventium non solum irrigat hortum vestrum, verum etiam ad omnes areas ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, sed et inter exteras nationes ipsius rivuli vel potius spatiosi tramites derivantur. Quod et nobis et nostris omnibus accrescit gaudio, et vestris honoribus specialiter famulatur. Valde igitur fraternitati vestræ curandum est, sicut prudentiam vestram credimus non latere, ne fons multitudini tam salubris pede teratur oppressionis præproperæ; nec sic curetis aliqua succrescentia zizania

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 111.

evellere ut pariter triticum extirpetis. Sane dudum inter vos et studium prædictum super quadam ipsius immunitate studentibus necessaria, et usque ad tempora vestra pacifice, ut dicitur, obtenta, cum suborta fuisset materia quæstionis, vos innata vobis clementia quorundam reverendorum rogaminum instantia, rigidioris conceptum propositi temperastis, scientes quod tam copiosi grani fœcunditas interdum ut fructificet dissimulationis paleis adumbratur. Nunc autem, fervoris pristini resumpto spiritu, nonnullos magistros et scholares Oxoniensis municipii insolitis vexationibus molestatis; ipsos ut dicitur super hiis quæ ad cognitionem sui cancellarii temporibus prædecessorum vestrorum pertinuisse noscuntur, ad tribunal vestrum responsuros insolito evocantes; cum tamen pro certo tenere possitis, ut credimus, quod illud singulare vestrum ovile prius dispersum bestiarum agri dentibus exponetur, quam istius austeritatis vestræ inexpertam subeat servitutem. Quocirca fraternitatem [vestram] rogamus affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus ad memoriam revocantes quanta clementia leges imperiales studium prosequitur, quæ pro tranquillitate studentium scholaribus in causis scholasticis suorum concedunt tribunalia magistrorum, velitis æquanimiter tolerare, ut imperialem gladium mansuetudine superet gladius pastoralis, ne illud propheticum, "Erubesce "Syon, ait mare,"[1] vestris valeat in hac parte processibus obviare.[2] Conceptum igitur rigorem dissimulare velitis, quantum potestis necessaria justitia inoffensa, saltem donec invicem habuerimus colloquium, vel usque ad congregationem fratrum proxime imminentem. Sollicite attendentes quod Parisiense studium et quædam alia generalia sub petita a magistris Oxoniensibus et obtenta hactenus libertate, inturbatæ se haurire de fontibus sapientiæ gratulantur.

[1] Isaiah xxiii. 4. The reading of the Vulgate is "Sidon" not "Syon."
[2] *obviare*] ouiare, R.

Valete in Christo semper et Virgine gloriosa. Datum Norhaumpton', viii. kal. Decembris.

DCXVII.

To the Prior of Christchurch Twyneham.

1284. 5 Dec. Yllarius an Hospitaller desires to join the priory. R. f. 213.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiis . . priori et conventui monasterii Ecclesiæ Christi, Wynton' diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Dilectus filius frater Yllarius, lator præsentium, postquam fuerat in monasterio de Wautham laudabiliter conversatus, sicut vestra forte prudentia non ignorat, temptatione quadam divina permissione gravatus, illo dimisso habitu ad Hospitalariorum se transtulit disciplinam. Verumtamen ipse tandem advertens religionem canonicorum esse arctioris propositi et clarioris sanctimoniæ quam ordo Hospitalariorum, qui quamquam sanctus sæcularibus cum negotiis est amplius involutus, nec pro voto suo pristino sufficienter suo judicio recompensat, ad intermissum aratri divini laborem[1] volens manus mittere fortiores, rogavit nos humiliter ut vellemus eum vestræ gratiæ commendare. Quia igitur qui habitant regionem Austri jubentur divinitus cum panibus occurrere fugienti,[2] quia etiam opus est eximiæ caritatis suscipere pœnitentem, vos rogamus ex corde quatenus, si id patiatur monasterii vestri status, velitis eum in canonicum recipere et receptum disciplinis regularibus informare; præsertim quod, si voluerit Dominus, ipse poterit tanquam homo gratiosus et magnatibus notus, vestris commodis multipliciter deservire. Valete. Datum apud Braundeston' in vigilia Sancti Nicholai.

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[1] *laborem*] labores, R.

[2] "Occurrentes sitienti ferte aquam, qui habitatis terram Austri, cum panibus occurrite fugienti." Isaiah xxi. 14.

DCXVIII.

To the Official of the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

1284. 6 Dec. Orders him to excommunicate Thomas de Venables, an apostate Friar Minor. R. f. 212 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro A., officiali episcopi Conventr' et Lich', salutem. Cum sit notorium Thomam de Venables fuisse professum in ordine Fratrum Minorum, quorum habemus privilegia auctoritate apostolica conservare; cumque constet nobis prædictum Thomam eo ipso, quo rejecto habitu in apostasiæ facinus est prolapsus, esse anathematis vinculo innodatum ex ordinis institutis, quæ a privilegiis apostolicis ipsi indultis ordini robur habent, sicut parati sumus fidem facere omni Catholico, justitia mediante; vobis de quibus confidimus injungimus, in virtute obedientiæ districte præcipiendo mandantes, quatenus prædictum Thomam per totum archidiaconatum Conventr' et Stafford' in civitatibus et singulis decanatibus, pulsatis campanis et extinctis candelis, diebus Dominicis et festivis faciatis excommunicatum publice nunciari, et ab omnibus Catholicis arctius evitari, donec visis in eo signis pœnitentiæ aliud a nobis receperitis in mandatis. Et vos sollicite caveatis, sicut pacem vestram diligitis, ne contra exemptionem et privilegia ipsius ordinis aliquid attemptetis. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis, nobis infra Purificationem Beatæ Virginis, ubicunque fuerimus in nostra provincia, fideliter rescribatis per vestras patentes literas tenorem præsentium continentes. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Braundeston', viii. id. Decembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII., ordinationis nostræ sexto.

Consimilis litera emanavit de verbo ad verbum sub eisdem data et die magistro H. officiali archidiaconi Wygorniensis.

DCXIX.

To the Chancellor of Oxford and Robert de Fletham.

1284. 7 Dec. Censures their neglect of his letter of 14 Nov.[1]

R. f. 212 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiis cancellario Oxoniensi vel ejus vices gerenti, et magistro Roberto de Fletham, sacræ theologiæ doctori, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Jam septimanis pluribus revolutis, nos vobis scripsisse meminimus in forma inferius annotata:—Recolendæ memoriæ sanctitatis et sapientiæ titulis, etc:—prout continetur in secunda litera præcedenti usque ad, Datum apud Loffeld, etc:—[2] Quia igitur præmissum mandatum nostrum videmini penitus contempsisse, vos iterato rogamus pariter et monemus, quatenus sicut de favore errorum contra quos agimus, reprehendi non vultis, prædictum mandatum nostrum secundum suum tenorem executioni debitæ sine dilationis incommodo demandetis; et hoc sub pœna suspensionis quam in vos licet inviti ferimus, si in exequendo mandato nostro negligentes fueritis aut remissi. Quod si non ambo hiis exequendis potueritis indulgere, alter vestrum ea nihilominus exequatur. Quid autem in hiis feceritis et quid etiam inveneritis, nobis citra octabas Epiphaniæ ubicunque in nostra provincia fuerimus per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes fideliter rescribatis. Valete. Datum apud Braundeston', vii. id. Decembris, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXX.

To the Chancellor of Oxford.

1284. 7 Dec. Censures

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio . . cancellario Oxon' vel ejus vices gerenti, salutem, gratiam, et

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 109.

[2] This letter is No. DCXII.

his neglect of his letter of 9 Nov.[1] R. f. 212 b.

benedictionem. Jam septimanis pluribus revolutis nos vobis scripsisse meminimus in forma inferius annotata: —In sacris canonibus, etc.[2] * * * Datum v. id. Novembris, etc.:—Quia igitur præmissum mandatum nostrum videmini penitus contempsisse, vos iterato rogamus pariter et monemus, quatenus sicut de favore errorum contra quos agimus reprehendi non vultis, prædictum mandatum nostrum secundum suum tenorem executioni debitæ sine dilationis incommodo demandetis; et hoc sub pœna suspensionis, quam in vos licet inviti ferimus, si in exequendo mandato nostro negligentes fueritis aut remissi. Quid autem in hiis feceritis, et quid etiam inveneritis, nobis citra octabas Epiphaniæ, ubicunque in nostra provincia fuerimus, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, fideliter rescribatis. Valete. Datum apud Brandeston', vii. id. Decembris, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXXI.

To the Dean of Risborough.

1284. 7 Dec. Desires him again to cite the rector of Newton to reside on his benefice. R. f. 213.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio decano suo de Ryseberge, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Transeuntes æstate præterita per ecclesiam de Ryseberge, tibi ibidem personaliter præsenti dedisse meminimus in mandatis, ut vocares rectorem de Neuton' ad faciendum in eadem ecclesia residentiam corporalem, et suscipiendos ordines quos ipsa cura requirit, præfixo sibi ad hoc termino competenti, et ut etiam dares operam ne fraudarentur fructus ecclesiæ, sicut de eis velles fideliter respondere. De cujus mandati nostri executione nihil nobis postea innotuit, aut quid feceris in hac parte. Quocirca tibi injungimus in virtute

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 109.

[2] This letter is No. DCVII. It is cited at full length in R., but it has not been thought necessary to repeat it.

obedientiæ, quatenus quid super præmissis feceris, nobis rescribas fideliter per præsentium portitorem, per tuas etiam patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Et si forte citatus tuis monitionibus non paruerit idem rector, præcipimus tibi sub pœna canonicæ districtionis, quatenus eundem cites sollemniter iterato, ut veniat citra Pascha proxima, facturus supradicta quatenus mandata canonica hoc requirunt; sciturus pro certo quod nisi venerit, nos contra ipsum prout justum fuerit procedemus. Et hoc aperte prædicas eidem vel procuratori suo, et hoc ipsum facias in ipsa ecclesia sua pluribus diebus sollemnibus publice proclamari. Quid autem de hac iterata citatione feceris, nobis studiose rescribas citra octabas Epiphaniæ Domini per tuas patentes literas hujus mandati seriem continentes. Datum apud Braundeston', in crastino Sancti Nicholai, anno Domini MCCLXXX. quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXXII.

To the Chancellor and University of Oxford.

[1284.] 7 Dec. Gives an account of a conversation with the prior of the Friars Preachers, about the errors maintained at Oxford.[1]

R. f. 213. A. f. 48 b.

Cancellario Oxoniensi vel ejus vices gerenti, et magistris ibidem regentibus omnium facultatum salutem. Si tantum privatis commodis viveremus, quid contra nostram innocentiam suæ fatuitatis effunderent detractores, mediocriter curaremus. Sed quia, licet immeriti, sumus Divino quamvis occulto judicio deputati pro salute fidelium procuranda in officio pastorali, quibus eo ipso tenemur ad Dei gloriam totis viribus complacere, necesse habemus pro irreverentium hominum jaculis retundendis nostram quamvis inviti manifestando insontiam, ipsorum miseriam propalare. Sane nuper intelleximus admirantes quod[2] dilectus in

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 110.

[2] *quod*] quod quod, A.

Christo frater W . . . prior Fratrum Prædicatorum Angliæ, quem usque in hæc tempora habuimus affectuosissime commendatum, quædam dedecentia in nostri et nostrorum præjudicium coram vobis congregatis in vigilia Sanctæ Katerinæ, quod vix credere possumus, perperam seminavit, testes invocans sui et nostri invicem tractatus habiti, episcopos illos qui nuper intererant solemniis Saresbyriensis episcopi consecrandi: cum tamen episcopus aliquis nec quisquam alius mortalium verba audiverit, quæ soli cum solo sub solius Dei testimonio, et nullatenus aliter de annotata inferius materia loquebamur. Et quia, ut nobis dicitur, contra veritatem forsitan oblivionis causa dictus prior, salva sua gratia, secreto nostro colloquio est abusus, nullus debet inhonestum vel extraneum judicare, si veritatem quam in hac parte novimus, absentes ut possumus per literas in suscitati per ipsum et suos contra nos et nostros scandali remedium, vobis veraciter explicemus. Referente igitur nobis priore prædicto die prætactæ consecrationis post prandium, quod fratres sui Oxonienses pluries ei scripserant, nos in partes Oxoniæ properantes intendere ipsorum ordini et ordinis opinionibus derogare, respondimus bona fide;[1] quam fidem tenuimus et tenere intendimus quantum possumus sine præjudicio veritatis, quod nec ordini eorum nec opinionibus ipsius ordinis, pro eo quod sunt ordinis, intendebamus quomodolibet adversari; sed factum prædecessoris nostri circa errores ab eo inventos in liberalibus disciplinis ac damnatos de consilio magistrorum, et in parte suscitatos denuo in scandalum plurimorum, prosequi justitia mediante; et subjunximus quod Fratrum Prædicatorum ordinem diligebamus intime sicut ipse, et modo secure addimus plusquam ipse, quia cum ipse in prætacto colloquio nobis dixerit coram Deo se de pluralitate formarum illam tenere firmiter sententiam, quam nostra tenet simplicitas et

[1] *fide*] fine, A.

tenuit hactenus totus mundus, si fratres suos aliquos falsitati contrariæ adhærentes, nititur in hoc ut dicitur defensare. Hoc proculdubio non est diligere sed odisse. Procedentibus demum nobis ambobus ulterius in tractando, et errorem ponentium 'in homine existere tantummodo formam unam' concorditer detestando, subjunximus nos quosdam istius erroris[1] temerarios defensores in tantæ subversionis foveam corruisse, ut dixerint scilicet et scripserint, 'quod si homo haberet aliam formam ab anima rationali, non posset corpus hominis corruptum, idem numero etiam per miraculum reparari.' Quo audito respondit prior, "Hunc errorem "secure de mea conscientia condemnetis."

Causam vero opinionum bonæ memoriæ fratris Thomæ de Aquino, quas fratres ipsi opiniones sui ordinis esse dicunt, quas tamen in nostra præsentia subjecit idem reverendus frater theologorum arbitrio Parisiensium magistrorum, pendere diximus in Romana curia indecisam; pro eo quod cum vacante sede apostolica per mortem sanctæ memoriæ domini Johannis Dei gratia tunc temporis Romani Pontificis, episcopus Parisiensis[2] Stephanus[3] bonæ memoriæ ad discussionem ipsorum articulorum de consilio magistrorum procedere cogitaret; mandatum fuisse dicitur eidem episcopo per quosdam Romanæ curiæ dominos reverendos, ut de facto illarum opinionum supersederet penitus, donec aliud reciperet in mandatis. Aliud igitur est quod de scriptis theologicis est Romanæ celsitudini reservatum Parisius, ab eo quod inventum Oxoniæ in certaminibus puerilibus per prædecessoris nostri sapientiam est damnatum. Quod si quispiam theologus curiosus hujusmodi quæstionibus puerilibus tractatus theologicos miscuerit indecenter, sicut olim Israelitæ pro acuendis ligonibus ad Philistinorum[4] malleos descenderunt, non valemus

[1] *erroris*] errores, A.

[2] *Parisiensis*] Parien', R.

[3] Stephen Tempier, bishop from 1268 to 1279 (Gallia Christiana, vii. 108).

[4] *Philistinorum*] Palestinorum, MSS. *See* 1 Sam. xiii. 20.

propter hoc dimittere nec debemus pro zelo quorundam temerario, quin parvulos nostros ab errorum laqueis ut possumus eruamus; et sicut circa processus hujusmodi vel quoscunque alios Fratrum Prædicatorum licentia nondum Deo gratias indigemus, sic quia quod in hac parte fecimus, Fratribus Minoribus fecimus penitus inconsultis, nihil debet in hoc processu nostro ipsis Fratribus Minoribus imputari. Falso ergo dictum est nos per hoc discordiam inter ordines seminasse; et caveant sibi ab hujusmodi seminatione, nobis talia perperam imponentes, in quorum hortis ad extinctionem multarum salutarium plantarum de hujusmodi venenato semine retroactis temporibus publice et occulte, nullo seminante extrinseco, ultronee nimis crevit. Intelleximus insuper quod quidam fratres ejusdem ordinis Prædicatorum ausi sunt se publice jactitare doctrinam veritatis plus in suo ordine quam in alio sibi contemporaneo viguisse; cujus contrarium quia tenere putamus viros majores et sapientiores ecclesiæ militantis, ipsam eorum jactantiam asserimus esse falsam, quod non esset difficile declarare, nisi esset comparatio odiosa, comparando scilicet scripta scriptis, personas personis, et labores laboribus satis notis. Hæc est igitur, carissimi, processus nostri veritas coram Deo; et si forte circa prædicta defectus nobis aliquis subrepsisset, debuissent-prædicti fratres pro paterni honoris debito fragilitati nostræ excusationis pallium obduxisse. Præsertim quia tuba legalis specialiter præcipit diis non detrahere, et christos Domini non tangere; et Cham paternæ irrisor dedecentiæ in posteritate sua meruit maledici; quanto majus maledictionis tonitruum promerentur, qui patris innocentiam, cujus vice fungimur licet immeriti, labiis detractoris persequuntur? Momordisse insuper societatem nostram dicitur idem prior, imponendo illis qui nostro assistunt lateri, quod tanquam meticulosi et quæ sua sunt quærentes, nos ad martyrium non provocant, sicut do-

minum suum excitarunt olim socii Sancti Thomæ, cujus martyrii subeundi, si placeat Salvatori, det nobis Ipse magis ferventia exemplaria imitari, quam illorum quædam extiterint, quæ vidimus suis et suorum consiliis in pontificali officio vel quocunque alio gubernari.[1] Rogamus igitur ut non obstante prædicta calumnia, si tamen vestris insonuerit auribus, socios nostros sicut valentes viros habere dignemini excusatos. Pro certo scientes quod processus nostros circa ardua ecclesiæ negotia quantum possumus sano consilio gubernamus. Rogamus insuper ut contentam præsentibus veritatem, cujus testem Altissimum invocamus, velitis aliis publicare, si tamen sint aliqui contrariis falsitatibus subornati. Valete in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Brandestan, vii. id. Decembris.

DCXXIII.

To Pope Martin [IV.].

1284. 20 Dec. Sends W. de Sardenya, rector of Chiddingstone, as his proctor to Rome.

R. f. 20 b. A. f. 128 b.

Sanctissimo in Christo patri ac domino Martino Divina providentia sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ ac universalis ecclesiæ summo Pontifici, frater Johannes permissione ejusdem Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, cum filiali reverentia pedum oscula beatorum. Licet ex sincera cordis affectione, quam merito erga sanctam sublimitatem vestram et sacrosanctam Romanam ecclesiam tanquam matrem omnium reverentissimam et magistram habeo, prout me teneri fateor multiplici ratione, desiderem beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli limina personaliter visitare; quia, cum circa ecclesiæ meæ prædictæ statum et negotia ad præsens multipliciter occupatus, hoc meum desiderium per me ipsum nequeo adimplere, ad pedes sanctitatis vestræ dilectum clericum et familiarem meum magistrum Willelmum de Sardenya, rectorem ecclesiæ de Chidingestane, exhibitorem præsentium,

[1] *gubernari*] gurbernari, R.

procuratorem meum et nuncium specialem transmitto ad prædicta beatorum apostolorum limina meo nomine visitanda, statumque meum et ecclesiæ meæ vestræ sanctitati piissimæ exponendum et recommendandum, omniaque alia faciendum quæ ego ratione visitationis hujusmodi facere deberem si personaliter præsens essem, ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid præfatus magister Willelmus in hac parte meo nomine duxerit faciendum. Supplico itaque, pater sanctissime, ut per prædicti procuratoris mei et nuncii præsentiam habere dignemini meam absentiam excusatam, mihi vero per eundem, si placet, sanctitatis vestræ beneplacita demandantes. Custodiat Dominus incolumitatem vestram ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ per tempora longiora. Scriptum apud Lydinton', xiii. kal. Januarii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII.

Consimilis tenor dirigitur magistro Waltero de Bath', et magistro Willelmo de Sardinia, conjunctim et divisim. Item, idem tenor dirigitur magistro Jordano archidiacono Cestriæ, et dicto magistro Willelmo, conjunctim et divisim.

DCXXIV.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

1284. 24 Dec. The archbishop of York must be prevented from carrying his cross through the province of

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio . . archidiacono suo Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia intelleximus quod . . archiepiscopus Eboracensis, qui apud Pontiniacum fovet latebras, in brevi ad propria redire proponit, et per diœcesem nostram et provinciam erecta cruce repente transire, in nostri præjudicium et contemptum, discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus quatenus in hac parte pro ecclesiæ nostræ juribus sollicite vigilantes, præfatum

Canterbury. R. f. 213 b.

archiepiscopum, quatenus honeste poteritis, moneatis et efficaciter inducatis, ut quantum ad bajulationem crucis per diœcesem vel provinciam nostram, a nostra desistat injuria, nihil in nostri præjudicium attemptando; hoc idem singulis decanis et rectoribus aliis vestræ jurisdictionis locorum, per quæ transierit, firmiter injungentes. Alioquin omnia loca ipsa per quæ erecta cruce transitum fecerit, subponatis ecclesiastico interdicto, ne saltem loca jurisdictionis nostræ videatur in nostri præjudicium libere et pacifice pertransire, et nos per dissimulationem hujusmodi ipsius injuriæ consentire. Valete. Datum apud Lydinton', ix. kal. Januarii.

DCXXV.

To certain Cardinals.

1285. 1 Jan. Concerning erroneous opinions maintained at Oxford.[1] R. f. 68. A. f. 31 A.b.

Reverendo, etc., salutem. In progressu visitationis metropoliticæ Lyncolniensis diœcesis nuper per Oxoniense studium facientes transitum, pater sanctissime, intelleximus quasdam opiniones erroneas in literis philosophicis fuisse temerarie, quantum ad aliquas, denuo suscitatas, quas sanctæ memoriæ dominus Robertus prædecessor noster novissimus in progressu consimili, de magistrorum consilio reprobavit. Nolentes autem nostris temporibus errores hujusmodi prosperari, vocato venerabili viro loci ejusdem diœcesano, de ipsius consilio processimus in hunc modum. Ratificantes, videlicet, processum prædecessoris nostri in sermone publico coram clero, ac inhibentes ne aliquis extunc aliquam opinionem hujusmodi defensaret, donec canonico ejusdem diœcesani consilio et etiam magistrorum sollicite videremus, utrum in ipsis opinionibus esset aliquis articulus qui pro pace quorundam posset sine periculo tolerari. Nec de defensione prædictorum errorum implicite vel explicite statum aliquem notavi-

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 112.

mus vel personam. Quandam autem illarum opinionum tetigimus specialiter, eam manifestis rationibus impugnantes, ponentium, videlicet, 'in homine existere tantummodo formam unam,' pro eo quod ex ipsa sequitur nullum corpus sancti totaliter vel partialiter in toto orbe existere, vel in urbe, cum sine unitate formæ generalis aut specialis nullum corpus possit numeraliter esse unum. Alia etiam inconvenientia sequuntur innumera ex hoc ipso. Fuit revera illa opinio fratris Thomæ sanctæ memoriæ de Aquino, sed ipse in hiis et in aliis hujusmodi dictis suis suam innocentiam Parisius in collegio magistrorum theologiæ humiliter declaravit, subjiciens omnes suas hujusmodi sententias libramini et limæ Parisiensium magistrorum, cujus nos per auditus proprii certitudinem testes sumus. Credentes autem Fratres Prædicatores Oxoniæ commorantes, quod nos opinionem illam a prædecessore nostro qui sui erat ordinis, reprobatam persequeremur in ejusdem ordinis præjudicium, quod non fecimus Deus novit, contra nos in crastino provocarunt, et consequenter publice se, ut nobis relatum est, satis temere jactitarunt quod illam et alias opiniones fratris Thomæ volebant contra omnes viventes homines defensare; et alia quædam dicere sunt ausi, quantum in ipsis fuit, in læsionem non modicam famæ nostræ, nisi nos scutum circumdaret veritatis. Hæc idcirco vobis scribimus, sancte pater, ut si forsitan aliqua de hac materia insonuerint sapientiæ vestræ auribus, facti noveritis infallibilem veritatem; et ut sacrosancta Romana ecclesia attendere dignaretur, quod cum doctrina duorum ordinum in omnibus dubitabilibus[1] sibi pene penitus hodie adversetur; cumque doctrina alterius eorundem, abjectis et ex parte vilipensis sanctorum sententiis, philosophicis dogmatibus quasi totaliter innitatur, ut plena sit ydolis domus Dei, et langore quem prædixit apostolus, pugnantium quæstionum; quantum inde futuris temporibus[2] poterit ecclesiæ periculum imminere. Quid

[1] *dubitabilibus*] dubitalibus in R.

[2] *futuris temporibus*] these words are repeated in R. after *ecclesiæ*.

enim magis necessarium quam fractis columnis ædificium cadere; quam vilipensis auctenticis doctoribus, Augustino et ceteris, fœdum venire principem et veritatem succumbere falsitati? Quid manifestius quam opinionum diversitatem discordias parare animorum et frigescere inter hujusmodi caritatem? Istud igitur Dei negotium, reverende pater, vestræ providentiæ una cum ecclesiæ nostræ negotiis humiliter commendamus; obnixius exorantes, ut cum opportunitatem dederit Ille qui omnia moderatur, dignemini ad ista manum extendere ob Dei gloriam et honorem, et protectionis vestræ clementia nos et ecclesiæ nostræ negotia habere pro Christi reverentia favorabiliter commendata. Ceterum quoddam magni ponderis ecclesiæ nostræ negotium reverentiæ vestræ secretius exponendum injunximus magistro Willelmo exhibitori præsentium, quo intellecto, dignemini nobis consilium et auxilium impendere ad Dei gloriam et honorem. Scriptum apud Lydinton', kal. Januarii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII.

Sub ista forma scribitur cardinalibus, Matheo, Ordonio, et Geronimo cardinalibus.

DCXXVI.

To Cardinal Matthew Orsini.

1285. 1 Jan. Grant of a pension of 20*l.* R. f. 68 b.

Reverendo in Christo patri domino Matheo Dei gratia Sanctæ Mariæ in Porticu[1] diacono cardinali, frater Johannes permissione ejusdem, etc., cum filiali reverentia paratam ejus beneplacitis voluntatem. Super eo quod negotia nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis recommendata specialiter habuistis hucusque, et ea gratanter et sedule promovistis, paternitati vestræ assurgimus in quibus possumus actionibus gratiarum, sperantes firmiter quod ex solitæ benignitatis vestræ clementia propositum hujusmodi continuare velitis. Attendentes igitur quod aux-

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[1] *Porticu*] Prioratu, R.

ilium vestrum et consilium vestrique favoris præsidium nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ utilia et opportuna erunt imposterum, considerantesque præsentis qualitatem temporis, quod plus estis expensis solito prægravati, ad sublevationem expensarum vestrarum vobis de camera nostra concedimus viginti libras sterlingorum annuæ pensionis. De qua vos investimus per præsentes literas, quas vobis transmittimus sigilli nostri appensione munitas. Custodiat Dominus incolumitatem vestram ecclesiæ suæ per tempora longiora. Datum apud Lydinton', Lyncolniensis diœcesis, kal. Jan., anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto.

In eadem forma per literam conceditur domino Jacobo de Sabello annua pensio viginti marcarum.

Item in eadem forma per literam conceditur domino Jordano, Sancti Eustachii diacono cardinali, pensio xx. marcarum. Item domino Gervasio tituli Sancti Martini presbytero cardinali, per literam ejusdem formæ et datæ, pensio xx. marcarum. Item domino Petro de Petris Grossis, vicecancellario ecclesiæ Romanæ, decem libras annuæ pensionis.[1] Item, magistro Reymundo Hispano advocato in curia xl. s. annuæ pensionis per literam.

DCXXVII.

To Cardinal de Clinchamps.

1285. 1 Jan. Commends to him his affairs and those of his church. R. f. 69. A. f. 15.

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino Gervasio, Dei gratia tituli Sancti Martini presbytero cardinali, frater J[ohannes], etc. Licet fœderandis cordibus electorum sola sibi sufficiat caritas, ex radice gratia proficiscens, ipsa tamen humanis adminiculis ut patriæ, vel naturæ, vel officiis aliquotiens excitatur. Proinde,

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[1] Marginal note : "Non recepit literam sed pecuniam."

pater sanctissime, nos in Francia ab annis teneris educati, in qua ab ipsius regni majoribus solatia suscepimus infinita, regnum ipsum cum incolis suis amplectimur puro corde, gratitudinis pondere inclinati. Licet igitur reverendam personam vestram adornent præclara privilegia gratiarum, et affectum vestrum ampliet in omnes caritas viscerosa, nostra tamen fiducia ex alumnæ nostræ Franciæ experta benevolentia excitatur ad paternitatis vestræ speciale præsidium convolare. Supplicamus igitur, pie pater, ut nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ negotia velitis habere de cetero tanquam domestici filii commendata. Regratiantes nihilominus vobis de solatio quod procuratores nostri se apud vestram invenisse clementiam gratulantur. Custodiat Dominus incolumitatem vestram ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ per tempora longiora. Scriptum kal. Januarii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII.

DCXXVIII.

To his Official, Martin his Commissary, and Thomas, Rector of Chartham.

1285. 1 Jan. Orders them to take possession of the goods of the deceased rector of Ightham. R. f. 155 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., officiali suo Cantuariensi, magistro Martino commissario Cantuariensi, et domino Thomæ rectori ecclesiæ de Chertham, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia, de quo vehementer dolemus, intelleximus quod dominus Walterus de Chalecumbe, rector ecclesiæ de Itham, diem suum clausit extremum, et hoc ex improviso mortis impetu, quamquam juxta Sapientis sententiam, "justus si morte præoccupatus fuerit in refrigerio erit,"[1] vobis et cuilibet vestrum insolidum tenore præsentium committimus et firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus bona ejusdem neminem permittatis invadere, vel de eis quicquam distrahere, sicut inde nobis volueritis fideliter respondere.

[1] Sapientia, iv. 7.

Sed de bonis hujusmodi quæ reliquit, ipsius si quæ sint debita persolvantur, et residuum disponi et ordinationi nostræ pro anima ejusdem integraliter reservetur. Ad quod vobis et cuilibet vestrum vices nostras committimus cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis commode poteritis interesse, unus vestrum aliorum minime expectata præsentia, ea per se nihilominus exequatur. Valete. Datum apud Lidington, kal. Januarii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXXIX.

To Edward I.

[1285.] 5 Jan. Deprecates his anger with the convent of Canterbury for bringing back a runaway monk. R. f. 45 b. A. f. 12.

Excellentissimo principi, etc., frater J[ohannes], etc., salutem, etc. Ex divinis eloquiis didicimus nos teneri, quantum Deo inoffenso possumus, regiam vitare offensam, et suscitatam ipsius indignationem humili instantia mitigare. Ad vestræ igitur clementiæ solium humiliter recurrentes, speramus nos ad exauditionis gratiam favorabiliter admittendos, nihil siquidem rogaturos nisi quod convenit divino honori et condecentiæ gradus vestri. Sane corde intelleximus lacrimoso quod contra dilectos in Christo filios priorem et capitulum ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, quibus tam voto quam professione in adversis et prosperis superioris auctoritas nos astrinxit, occasione cujusdam sui monachi fugitivi, qui sine manuum injectione seu violentia qualibet ad monasterium suum nuper rediisse refertur, majestatem vestram vehementem indignationis spiritum concepisse. Cupientes igitur ut possumus ex debito paternæ sollicitudinis prædictis subvenire priori et monachis, in quorum quiete quiescimus et tribulationibus anxiamur, ne in ipsorum confusionem religionis aut honestatis dedecentiam regia severitas

diutius animetur, excellentiam vestram sub Illius obtestatione requirimus et rogamus, qui cum irascitur misericordiæ recordatur, quatenus cum citra punire quam liceat, virtus sit in principe gloriosa, erga dictos religiosos pietatis et mansuetudinis gerentes viscera, conceptum rancorem dignemini mitigare. Specialiter autem hoc requirimus et rogamus ne monachi illi, qui suum apostatam bono zelo ad custodiam monasticam reduxerunt, absque omni animo juri regio aliqualiter derogandi, propter hoc graventur in aliquo, vel alii propter ipsos, et ne dictus apostata pro suo scelere reportet commodum vivendi laxius,[1] vel in contemptum monasticæ disciplinæ opportunitatem habeat evagandi. Nec dubitamus quin, si rigoris vestri propositum in hac parte remaneat cum effectu, nobis desidiæ vel negligentiæ macula impingetur. Ita igitur in præmissis se dignetur habere regalis excellentia, ne sacerdotio vobis devoto veniat opprobrium, quin potius religionis honestas ecclesiasticaque jam dudum sauciata libertas, vestris temporibus remedium gratuitæ respirationis attingat: pro quo cum ad Dominum clamaveritis, adjutor vobis opportunus assistat, præsertim cum si in quo iidem religiosi vos offenderint, vobis pro viribus satisfacere, et vestris beneplacitis tanquam devotionis filii sint in omnibus obtemperare parati. Augeat majestati vestræ Omnipotens honorem, dierum longitudinem et salutem. Datum apud Lydinton, non. Januarii.

DCXXX.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and Martin his Commissary.

[1285.] 5 Jan. Empowers them to de-

Frater J[ohannes] permissione Divina, etc., archidiacono Cantuariensi et magistro Martino commissario

[1] *laxius*] lauxius, A.

nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Si contingat fratres Radulphum de Adesham, Johannem de Welles, et Johannem de London', monachos ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ, et Johannem de Schamelefford apostatam, vel alios quoscunque monachos dictæ domus per quoscunque ministros regios carcerali custodiæ mancipari, et in carcere detineri, vobis per præsentes committimus et firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus ipsos omnes et singulos petatis cum effectu reddi seu restitui ecclesiasticæ libertati et nostri arbitrii disciplinæ. Datum apud Lydinton', nonis Januarii.

mand monks imprisoned by the king's officers. R. f. 155 b.

DCXXXI.

To the Archdeacon of Nottingham.

Frater J. permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, conservator privilegiorum ordinis Fratrum Minorum in Anglia a sede apostolica indultorum, dilectis in Christo filiis, archidiacono Notinghammiæ et ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Auctoritate mandati apostolici, quod vobis per latorem præsentium inspiciendum transmittimus, nobisque per eundem illico remittendum, cogimur Fratres ordinis prædicti secundum tenorem privilegiorum suorum in suis juribus et libertatibus confovere et a perversorum infesta malicia conservare. Cum itaque, sicut intelleximus, rector ecclesiæ Beati Petri de Notingham, vicarius ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Notingham, et vicarius de Graneby, qui nomen Domini in vanum recipere non formidant, prædictos Fratres Minores contra indulta privilegiorum sedis apostolicæ manifestis injuriis et molestiis afficiant multipliciter et perturbent, asserentes publice inter alia ipsis fratribus non licere parochianos suos ad confessiones admittere, et ipsis irrequisitis absolvere con-

1285. [Jan.] Desires him to forbid the rector of Nottingham and others preventing Friars Minors from hearing confessions. R. f. 215.

fitentes; de cujus contrario nobis constat, et vobis etiam liquido apparere poterit ex inspectione privilegiorum ordinis memorati. Vobis conjunctim et divisim auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte et sub pœna canonica firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus prænominatos rectores et vicarios moneatis efficaciter et inducatis sollicite ut de cetero a prædictorum fratrum gravaminibus et molestiis contra indulta apostolica penitus abstineant, et eosdem permittant jura sua et libertates sibi concessas a sede apostolica libere exercere. Alioquin malefactores ipsos prout expedire videbimus, faciemus per censuram ecclesiasticam a suæ malignitatis conatibus cohiberi. Quid autem, etc.

DCXXXII.

Confession by Friars.

1285. 17 Jan. Inspeximus of an opinion of Parisian doctors that no one is bound to confess the same sins in detail twice, &c., with reference to the case of friars as confessors, with comment by Peckham. R. f. 215.

Pateat universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, quod nos frater Johannes, permissione Divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ sacerdos humilis, totius Angliæ primas, vidimus et diligenter inspeximus sub sigillo officialis Parisiensis, tenorem literæ inferius annotatæ:—Omnibus præsentes literas inspecturis, officialis curiæ Parisiensis salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos literas inferius annotatas vidisse in hæc verba:—Universis præsentes literas inspecturis, officialis curiæ Parisiensis salutem in Domino. Notum facimus nos anno Domini MCC. octogesimo secundo, die Sabbati post festum Sancti Clementis, literas sigillo domini Parisiensis episcopi una cum quibusdam sigillis magistrorum in theologica facultate sigillatas vidisse in hæc verba:—Universis præsentes literas inspecturis, R. divina miseratione Parisiensis episcopus; magister Odo de Sancto Dionisio, canonicus Parisiensis et decanus theologicæ facultatis; frater Gregorius prior fratrum Vallis Scolarium, Parisius; frater Johannes de Allodio, ordinis Fratrum

Prædicatorum, quondam cancellarius Parisiensis; magister Guillelmus de Monsciaco, canonicus Parisiensis; magister Petrus de Joigniaco, canonicus Parisiensis; magister Albertus, ordinis Cluniacensis, prior de Monte Desiderii; magister Adenulphus, præpositus Sancti Audomari; Magister Nicholaus de Pressorio, archidiaconus in ecclesia Bajocensi; frater Droco Pruvinensis, minister provincialis ordinis Fratrum Minorum in Francia; frater Johannes de Turno, prior Fratrum Prædicatorum Parisiensium; frater Johannes de Sancto Benedicto, ordinis Fratrum Prædicatorum; frater Simon de Laus, ordinis Fratrum Minorum; magister Adam de Golyn, archidiaconus Laudonensis; frater Hugo de Bilionio, ordinis Fratrum Prædicatorum; frater Harlotus de Prato, ordinis Fratrum Minorum, in sacra theologia doctores, vos notum facimus quod cum nobis fuerunt casus propositi, *utrum aliquis vere pœnitens et confessus et rite absolutus ab eo qui potest, teneatur eadem peccata numero iterum confiteri. Et utrum aliquis possit aut debeat prohibere aut per modum aliquem obligatorium impedire quominus possit eadem peccata vel alia alteri confiteri.* Respondimus et respondemus quantum ad primum, quod vere pœnitens et confessus et rite absolutus ab eo qui potest, si pœnitentiam sibi prius injunctam in memoria teneat, non teneatur eadem peccata numero iterum confiteri. Quantum ad secundum dicimus quod non potest aut debet aliquis auditor confessionum prohibere confitentem, confessum seu confessurum, quominus uni confessori confessus possit alteri confiteri eadem peccata numero vel alia introducta. Si qui autem dicunt aut dixerunt contrarium, quantum in nobis est erroneum reputamus. Datum anno Domini MCC. octogesimo secundo:—Transcriptum hujusmodi literarum fecimus sub sigillo curiæ Parisiensis salvo jure cujuslibet. Datum anno Domini et die prædictis:—Transcriptum

hujusmodi literarum fecimus sub sigillo curiæ Parisiensis cujuslibet jure salvo. Datum anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, die Veneris post festum Beati Andreæ apostoli.

Nos vero, communicato consilio discretorum, sic generaliter proposito primæ themate quæstionis in eandem sententiam cum prænominatis doctoribus clarissimis per omnia consentimus; credentes veraciter quod vera contritione prævia confessus integre peccata sua, et in forma canonica absolutus ab eo qui absolutam potestatem habuit absolvendi, pœnitentiam sibi injunctam retinens memoriter cum stabili proposito ipsam fideliter adimplendi, non tenetur eadem peccata numero, excluso recidivo, alteri confiteri; nisi forte aliud sentientes velint sanato vulneri sanativum cathaplasma iterum superponi, aut ægroto curato medicinam purgativam oporteat necessario iterum propinari, aut peccatum Dei oculis per pœnitentiam absconditum humanis debeat necessario denudari, aut humeris fragilibus onus simplum de difficili ferentibus, ipsum debeat per abusum cathedræ importabiliter duplicari, aut mors ejusdem miseri, qui per pœnitentiam peccato moritur, iterari, cum teste apostolo statutum sit hominibus semel mori. Quod si in terminis specialibus quæstio proponatur, utrum scilicet confessus Fratri Minori vel Prædicatori in forma prædicta omnia peccata sua, prætextu præcipue privilegii ipsorum ordinibus ultimo concessi, quod facit de statuto Lateranensis concilii mentionem, teneatur eadem peccata sua sacerdoti suo parochiali denuo confiteri, taliter respondemus, quod declinans auditorium proprii sacerdotis, ut per tam sanctæ religionis virum saluti suæ salubrius consulatur, non tenetur eadem peccata numero alteri confiteri. Hoc enim esset aggravando arctare viam vitæ, quam intendebat saluberrime summus Pontifex prætacto privilegio

ampliare. Hoc etiam esset pœnitentes a majori bono retractos ad minus salubre remedium coarctare. Si enim ita esset, necessario accideret nolentes miseros duplici onere prægravari, in finibus minus salubris consilii residere. Et hoc intendunt quidam forsitan malignantes, ut hac importunitate Leviathan dormiat liberius, et Beemoth in secreto calami in locis humentibus tranquillius conquiescat. Quod si forte fraude aliqua vel malicia parochianus aliquis discreti et Deum timentis declinet auditorium sacerdotis, utpote vel ambulans in ypocrisi et a sacerdote proprio peccati adversario bonus cupiens reputari; vel sub ipsius ignorantia, cujus oculis quotidie est subjectus, licentius ad vomitum declinare; vel nolens coram hujusmodi sacerdote inglorius apparere; vel ex contemptu gradus sacerdotalis coram ipso se humiliare in sacramento pœnitentiæ dedignatur; cum fraus et dolus nulli debeant patrocinium impartiri, expedit explorato consilio in hiis casibus, qui non nunquam accidunt, hujusmodi malitiæ obviare. Cujus consilii viam tacite forsan Salvator aperuit, qui quosdam a se sanatos misit ad illius temporis sacerdotes. Quosdam vero dimisit liberos, pro eo tantum ut peccata pristina imposterum devitarent. Pro secunda vero quæstione sufficit dicere, ut in responsione magistrorum superius continetur, secundum tamen illam regulam sapientis, "Non confundaris confiteri peccata tua, et ne subjicias te omni homini pro peccato."[1] Melius est enim stare in Jerusalem quam descendendo in Jericho incidere in latrones. In hac enim materia nihil recti agitur, nisi ut vita hominum corrigatur. In cujus responsionis testimonium sine præjudicio sententiæ melioris sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Carleton' juxta Lincoln' xvi. kalend. Februarii, anno Domini MCCLXXX. quarto, [ordinationis nostræ septimo].[2]

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[1] Ecclus. iv. 31.

[2] These words are added by another hand.

Et ego Robertus de Martivallis, clericus, Lincolniensis diœcesis, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ publicus auctoritate notarius, ad mandatum dicti reverendi patris domini Cantuariensis archiepiscopi prætactam literam . . officialis Parisiensis, ut ex sigillo ejus apparebat, transcripsi, et superadditam responsionem prædicti archiepiscopi ad articulos suprascriptos propria manu scripsi, et signum meum præsenti paginæ apposui de præcepto ipsius patris in testimonium præmissorum.

DCXXXIII.

To J. de Lascy.

1285. 20 Jan. The abbot and bailiff of Fécamp have obtained apostolic letters against him. R. f. 216.

Magistro J. de Lascy, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia . . abbas Fiscanensis, cujus quendem monachum . . ballivum videlicet Fiscanensem, nuper in Cycestrensi diœcese auctoritate metropolitica visitantes, propter suas multiplicatas contumacias et offensas, servato in omnibus juris ordine, excommunicationis sententia innodavimus, et eundem sic excommunicatum cum sibi in crimine adhærentibus publice denunciari fecimus justitia exigente; contra nos super hoc dicitur ad . . officialem Ambianensem literas apostolicas impetrasse, novit Deus, omnino veritate tacita et explicata falsitate; nos ipsorum Fiscanensium malitiam in hac parte timentes, licet in omnibus de nostra confidentes justitia, dilectionem vestram affectuose rogamus quatenus prædictum . . officialem Ambianensem efficaciter inducere et apud eum ex parte nostra quantum poteritis instare velitis, ut si aliquæ tales literæ contra nos ad ipsum pervenerint, causam ipsam sine consensu partium non committat, et si debeamus coram eo vocari, sollemnem ad hoc citationem faciat emanare, ita quod ad nostram commode possit notitiam pervenire, ut contra adversarii jacula præmuniti futura valeamus pericula præcavere et nostram justificare sententiam sicut decet. Quod si forte, agente mendacio, aliqui processus contra nos facti

fuerint, eis quantum poteritis obvietis, caventes pro nobis in forma justitiæ si oportet, provocantes etiam et appellantes pro nobis et alia juris remedia exercentes, si fieri poterit, et videritis expedire. Quid autem inveneritis et feceritis in præmissis, nobis scribere velitis per præsentium portitorem. Valete. Datum apud Stowepark', xiii. kal. Februarii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quarto, ordinationis nostræ sexto.

DCXXXIV.

To the Bishop of Amiens.

1285. 21 Jan. Asks him not to allow any surreptitious citation in favour of the abbot of Fècamp. R. f. 216.

Venerabili in Christo fratri domino [Willelmo] Dei gratia Ambianensi episcopo,[1] frater J[ohannes], etc., salutem, etc. Nuper nobis innotuit relatione verisimili quod . . abbas Fiscanensis, cujusdam monachi sui Vygor' nomine ballivi sui in Anglia instigatus mendaciis, officiali vestro contra nos literas apostolicas dirigi procuravit, qui præfatum monachum ex causis legitimis excommunicationis sententia innodavimus, et exigente justitia denunciari fecimus taliter innodatum. Cum igitur processum nostrum in hac parte simus pro loco et tempore justificare parati, suggestionemque falsam detegere, per quam dictæ contra nos literæ impetratæ fuerunt; ne qui apud summum Pontificem famam nostram mendaciter est obfuscare conatus, apud vos vel dictum vestrum officialem ad credulitatis effectum consimiliter in nostræ veritatis dispendium admittatur; gerentes de vobis licet immeriti fiduciam pleniorem, fraternitatem vestram præcordialiter requirimus et rogamus, petentes pro munere speciali, quatenus ne contra nos aliqua procedat subreptitia citatio per quam injuste nostro

[1] Guillaume de Macon, bishop of Amiens, 1279–1308 (Gallia Christiana, x. 1187.)

possit processui quavis machinatione subdola derogari, memoratum vestrum . . officialem, cujus circumspecta fidelitas commendatur, efficaciter velitis inducere ne cui dictæ causæ cognitio nisi de consensu partium committatur. Quod si ante receptionem præsentium factum fuerit, commissionem hujusmodi, sicut de bonitate vestra confidimus, sine dilationis obstaculo petimus per præfatum . . officialem vobis facientibus revocari, ipsumque ad hoc induci specialiter, quod in cognitione dictæ causæ nostræ, quæ coram Deo justitia et veritate fulcitur, favorabiliter et gratiose procedat; pro quo vestris beneplacitis et honori arctius obligemur, et ob hoc patrocinium mereamini sanctorum Cantuariensis ecclesiæ patronorum, quorum causam agimus in hac parte. Qualem igitur exauditionis effectum hæ nostræ preces apud vos invenerint, nobis rescribi per præsentium bajulum ex corde petimus et rogamus. Augeat vobis Altissimus honorem, dierum longitudinem et salutem. Datum apud Stowe, xii. kalen. Februarii.

DCXXXV.

To the Official of the Bishop of Amiens.

1285. 21 Jan. On the same subject. R. f. 216.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., . . officiali venerabilis patris Domini . . Ambianensis episcopi, salutem, etc. Ad vos, sicut intelleximus, . . abbas Fiscanensis cujusdam sui monachi Vygor nomine, ballivi sui in Anglia mendaciis instigatus, literas apostolicas veridica suggestione suppressa contra nos dirigi procuravit, qui præfatum monachum ex causis legitimis excommunicationis sententia innodavimus, et exigente justitia denunciari fecimus taliter innodatum. Sane processum nostrum in hac parte pro loco et tempore justificare parati, prædictamque suggestionem per quam contra nos esse dicitur impetratam, falsam detegere, et omnimoda veritate carere; ne qui apud sedem apostolicam

famam nostram nisus est mendaciter obfuscare, apud vos in nostræ veritatis dispendium ad credulitatis effectum consimiliter admittatur, gerentes licet immeriti de vestra circumspecta dilectione fiduciam, multumque de illo præsumentes cui summus Pontifex soli voluit tantum negotium delegare; vos præcordiali affectione requirimus, et pro munere speciali rogamus, quatenus ne contra nos aliqua procedat subreptitia citatio, per quam injuste nostro possit processui quavis machinatione subdola derogari, et ne cui sine consensu partium dictæ causæ committatur cognitio, velitis advertere nostris precibus et amore. Quod si secus factum fuerit ante receptionem præsentium, commissionem hujusmodi sine moræ dispendio, sicut de vestra bonitate confidimus, ad vestrum revocetis examen in cognitione ipsius causæ nostræ, quæ justitia et veritate fulcita conscientiæ scrupulum aliquatenus non admittit, gratiose si placet et favorabiliter procedentes, ob reverentiam sanctorum Cantuariensis ecclesiæ patronorum quorum causam agimus in hac parte. Qualiter autem hiis nostriis precibus annuendum duxeritis, nobis velitis rescribere per præsentium portitorem, per quem nobis fiducialiter cum obtinendi fiducia significare poteritis, si quæ penes nos fuerint vobis grata. Diu vos conservet et dirigat Altissimus in honore. Datum apud Stowe, xii. kalen. Februarii.

DCXXXVI.

To Cardinal Chioletti.

1285. 21 Jan. On the same subject. R. f. 216 b.

Reverendo in Christo patri domino J[ohanni], Dei gratia tituli Sanctæ Cæciliæ presbytero cardinali, Apostolicæ sedis legato, frater J[ohannes], etc. Super quodam gravamine nobis ut accepimus per summum illato Pontificem, si tamen phas sit nominare gravamen, de quo paternitati vestræ alias scripsisse reco-

limus, et adhuc scribere nos urget necessitas, indigemus præmaxime vestro mediante præsidio remedium reportare. Sane, pater præcordialissime, . . abbas Fiscanensis cujusdam sui monachi instigatus mendaciis, ne dum extra provinciam nostram, verum extra regnum Angliæ, contra indulta apostolica per ipsius sedis literas, veritate suppressa, quod teste conscientia dicimus, impetratas, quodque pro loco et tempore in forma juris erimus docere parati, auctoritate (?) officialis Ambianensis ut dicitur, nos fatigat aut fatigare proponit. Ne igitur palliata mendacia veritati prævaleant in effectu, paternitati vestræ fiduciali supplicamus affectu, quatenus dicto . . officiali ad vestram vocato præsentiam, vestra dignetur suadere reverentia, quod in favorem partis adversæ a justitiæ et æquitatis tramite non declinans, delegatum sibi cognitionis officium alicui sine consensu partium non committat, advertens etiam ne aliqua subreptitiam citationem contra nos jam a nostra diœcese in longinquo agentes, alicujus subdola machinatione concedat, quin potius amore Dei et vestri benigne et favorabiliter in ipsius nostræ causæ cognitione procedat, commissionem si quam fecerit nisi in forma prædicta, revocans sine mora. Quicquid autem nobis in prædictis accreverit favoris vel gratiæ, id merito vestræ decet ascribere bonitati, pro quo vestri honoris augmento sanctæ Cantuariensis ecclesiæ patronos, quorum causam agimus in hac parte, possitis coram Altissimo propitios invenire, et nos capellanus vester sub vestro præsidio contutemur contra ignita jacula inimici, qui hodiernis temporibus sub pallio hypocrisis multum nocet. Datum apud Stowepark', xii. kalen. Februarii.

DCXXXVII.

To the University of Oxford.

1285. 27 Jan. Advises them to

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis magistro . . . cancellario universitatis Oxoniensis

et magistris regentibus in eadem, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quasi reciprocæ relationis affectibus vestris profectibus alligati, qui dudum vobis filiali reverentia nectebamur, nunc autem paternis et maternis vos visceribus amplectimur toto posse, de vestra sumus tranquillitate solliciti, nihil a vobis nisi Dei gloriam expectantes. Cernimus enim a vestro radiare collegio prælationis honorem, lumen scientiæ et religionis scholasticæ disciplinam; pro certo tenentes quod istius tripartiti germinis fons esse non potest nisi supersubstantialis Trinitas benedicta. Tanto igitur auctore, filii carissimi, congregati, rogamus et hortamur per viscera Jesu Christi ne ad discidii vel dissensionis scandalum sitis proni. Væ enim illi homini per quem honoris dejectio, extinctio luminis et religionis tantæ divulsio orietur. Quia igitur, carissimi, carissimus frater noster Lincolniensis episcopus in motis contra vos quæstionibus juris communis ut videtur contra vos tegitur armatura; et vos econtra consuetudines prætenditis, quas jurasse vos dicitis, juris communis ut dicitur regulis repugnantes, cum contra jus commune in ejusdem præjudicium nulli se liceat obligare, quin potius decretum in talibus sit mutandum; rogamus vos affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus, licet vobis in jure vestro parati simus assistere ut tenemur, humilitate vestra vestrum studeatis episcopum, virum utique valentissimum, honorare, et ipsius implorare gratiam, qui vobis potest non solum in facto studii vestri sed et in multis aliis existere fructuosus. Et si vos consuetudini juri contrariæ inhærentes, nullo vobis patrocinante superioris privilegio, organa suspendatis; dicetur proculdubio non ipsi pro jure agenti sed[2] vobis juri refragantibus esse studii periculum imputandum. Advertentes igitur quod ipse humilitate flectitur et paterno vos affectu prosequitur,

submit to the bishop of Lincoln.[1] R. f. 114. A. f. 138.

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 113.
[2] *sed*] se, A.

quantum potest, salvo ecclesiæ suæ jure, recurratis ad eum ut filii patrem juxta legis imperium honorantes; experturi ut speramus firmiter quod humilibus dat Deus gratiam et superbis merito adversatur. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa.

Datum apud Thornholm, vi. kal. Februarii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIV., ordinationis nostræ septimo.

DCXXXVIII.

To his Official.

1285. 10 Feb. Refuses to accept the demands of the monks of Canterbury, sent to him by the official.

R. f. 114. A. f. 22 b.

Officiali suo salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literas vestras recepimus cum cedula interclusa, continente, ut scribitis, consensum filiorum nostrorum Cantuariensium monachorum, ad quod vos tædiosissimo ipsos conamine dicitis induxisse. Miramur autem, mirantur et alii, in quo tædium habueritis obtinendo, cum monachi ipsi nunquam tantum petierint usque modo; cum in ipsa cedula contineatur inaudita subversio primatiæ. Miramur insuper multo magis qualiter in litera includente, in qua etiam scribitis vos non sperare ipsos esse ad aliquid amplius inducibiles, implicite nobis consulitis formæ hujusmodi consentire, ne princeps ad hoc extendat aliqualiter manus suas, quod avertat a nobis Altissimus, qui prius tribuat nobis mortem si est possibile, pro hac causa, millesies sustinere, quam nostrum ministerium taliter confundamus. Miramur et tertio supra modum qualiter vos, qui dudum in formam generalium verborum suasistis inclinare consensum, quæ neutri parti præjudicium generaret, sic articulatim evertentem cedulam, statum nostrum sine nostri directione consilii ad quod tenemini juramento, taliter destinastis; nos, salva pace vestra, et successores nostros, immo totum clerum Angliæ, quantum in vobis est, perenni opprobrio exponentes. Rogamus igitur ut

velitis pro pace et concordia salubrius mediari, istud nostri scientes esse immobile propositi fundamentum, et hoc eis potestis astruere pro constanti, quod de possessione juris et libertatis in qua successimus sanctis prædecessoribus nostris nihil perpetuo dimittemus, quamdiu coram superiore nostro poterimus justitiæ refugium invenire. Et sciant omnes nobis in hac parte quomodolibet adversantes, quod non invenient nos in hac parte arundinem flamine agitatam, quin potius si exsurgat adversus nos prælium sperabimus in hoc ipsum. Istis igitur suppositis pro constanti tractetis cum dictis monachis, si forsitan a concepti erroris deviis revertantur, et nobis cum opportunitas arriserit, rescribatis. Cujus hæc sit summa, ut utriusque partis maneat salvus status. Valete. Datum apud Ludam, iiii. id. Februarii, anno Domini MCCLXXXIIII., ordinationis nostræ vii.

DCXXXIX.

To Peter Blanci.

Asks him, as executor of archbishop Boniface, for money for repairs of buildings belonging to the see, and for the poor.

R. f. 114 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro Petro Blanci, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum per effectum liqueat manifeste, ac nobis asserunt qui bona nostræ Cantuariensis ecclesiæ administrant, nos post assumptionem archiepiscopalis officii circa tria milia marcarum in reparandis ædificiis necessariis nostræ ecclesiæ supradictæ vel amplius expendisse,[1] et hoc in majori parte propter omissionem reparationis debitæ tempore domini Bonifacii, sanctæ memoriæ prædecessoris nostri, qui propter guerras et causas alias multum absens extitit ab eisdem; vos rogamus, monemus pariter et hortamur in Domino, vobis nihilominus in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes, quatenus ea diligentia qua potestis de residuo testamenti prædicti patris, cujus administratio vobis dicitur a sede apo-

[1] *expendisse*] expendidisse, MS.

stolica delegata, nobis satisfieri quam citius poteritis procuretis, in hiis tantum de quibus doceri potest nos propter omissionem dicti patris vel suorum prædictam summam pecuniæ vel ejus partem maximam expendisse; scientes pro certo quod ille sexcentæ marcæ, de quibus fuerat ordinatum ut nobis per vos satisfieret pro prædictis, non sufficiunt ad exonerandam dicti defuncti animam in hac parte juxta judicium boni viri. Præterea, cum idem pater residuum testamenti sui, quatenus patitur justitia, legaverit piissime maneriorum suorum pauperibus erogandum, advertere velitis quam sacrilege ipsorum inopiæ dictum residuum subtrahatur. Nos igitur, qui procurationem ipsorum pauperum recepimus, Domino disponente, vos rogamus et in fide qua Cantuariensi ecclesiæ tenemini injungimus, quatenus ipsis pauperibus sine moræ dispendio satisfieri procuretis. Tantum super hiis facientes ne aliud remedium circa hoc apponere compellamur; et quid in hoc facere decreveritis, nobis citra Pentecosten proximam rescribatis.

DCXL.

To Peter, Official of Amiens.

1285. Desires him to send any citation procured against him to England by the legate or an archdeacon. R. f. 114 b. A. f. 23.

"Pro facto Fiscanen.":—Frater J[ohannes], etc., discreto viro et amico in Christo præcordiali magistro Petro officiali Ambianensi, salutem cum omnimoda felicitate successus. De benevolentiæ et dilectionis affectu, quem ad nos, licet immeritos, ex receptis jam secundo vestris literis vos gerere perpendimus, grates vobis sicut alias, et gratias referimus speciales. Ad hæc ut conscientia teste loquamur, neque de prima neque de secunda citatione nobis facta, si qua fuit, innotuit quicquam nobis, nisi quatenus nudiustertius, antequam dictas vestras literas receperimus jam secundo, dilectus clericus noster magister Lambertus de Moygnet nobis retulit oretenus. Ne igitur

qui in nostrum dedecus et dispendium tam evidenter falsitati et malitiæ innituntur, veritatis nostræ processum, quem vita comite defendere intendimus sicut justum, prout in causæ progressu apparebit lucidius, dante Deo, subdola machinatione subvertant, neque prædicti falsitatis filii in impetratione citationis vel executionis alicujus contra nos imposterum sua calliditate seducant; circumspectam dilectionem vestram internis affectibus requirimus et rogamus quatenus cum visitationis nostræ metropoliticæ occupati sollicitudine latebras non quæramus, si quam contra nos amodo citationem aut executionem per vos emanare contingat, eam per domini papæ nuncium in Anglia existentem aut archidiaconum aliquem, vel ejus officialem, in forma concilii felicis memoriæ domini [Ottonis] in Anglia aliquando legati[1] fieri demandetis, cujus formam quoad citationis articulum vobis præsentibus mittimus interclusam, de qua fidem vobis facere in forma juris offerimus nos paratos.

DCXLI.

To Lambert de Moygnet, Canon of South Malling.

Directions for acting in reply to a citation by the abbot of Fécamp.

R. f. 114 b. A. f. 23.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto clerico nostro domino Lamberto de Moygneto, canonico South Mallyng', salutem etc. De citatione contra nos facta vel facienda ad instantiam abbatis et conventus Fiscanensis nihil intelleximus ex quo a nobis recessistis. Est tamen consilium clericorum nostrorum quod ad diem de qua nobis dixistis, accedatis, sed procuratorium vestrum non ostendatis, sed aliquem præponatis qui nos defendat, si appareat nos citatum ab homine vel a jure

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Constitution xxvi. of Cardinal Otho is directed against the practice of publishing citations without really serving them on the person concerned (Wilkins, i. 655).

et procedatur hoc modo. Veniat defensor coram illo judice, et si aliqui proclament nos, appareat defensor et dicat, "Domine, ego sum paratus defendere "dominum . . archiepiscopum, si eum appareat citatum "ab homine vel a jure;" et vos cautionem exponatis pro eo quod ratificabimus, quod per ipsum defensorem factum fuerit illa die, et petatur quod legatur citatio; quæ cum lecta fuerit et ostensa, opponatur quod in illa citatione non fuerint nobis datæ dilationes transmarinæ, et ideo non potuit nos arctare. Opponatur etiam contra citationem, quod non potest nos arctare nec deberet, cum non probetur quod ad nos pervenerit, licet forte dicatur quod in ecclesia Cantuariensi fuit facta. Nos enim non latitabamus; sed publice ad nos patebat accessus, utpote qui ibamus visitando per nostram provinciam. Unde non debuit fieri in ecclesia. Tunc enim debet fieri ad domum vel in ecclesia, cum citandus non potest inveniri requisitus, ut dicunt jura quæ circa citationes sunt edita, cum non possimus ibi semper residere, quia oportet nos discurrere per provinciam causa visitationis nostræ adimplendæ. Maxime quia statutum est dominorum Ottonis et Ottoboni, legatorum in Anglia, qui ordinarunt propter fraudes quæ fiebant circa citationes, quod citationes non fiant vel mittantur per impetrantes vel eorum nuncios, sed per fidelem nuncium judicis, ut in statutis dictorum legatorum, quæ vobis mittimus, videbitis contineri. Et offeratis vos hoc probaturum, et circa hoc fiat altercatio, et si occasione ista possit haberi alia dilatio, ita quod ulterius non procedatur illa die, bene quidem, et ita quod fieret citatio nova, quia credimus quod defensor plus habebit quam procurator. Si vero istud non admittatur, petat defensor copiam rescripti apostolici et citationis, et diem competentem ad denunciandum nobis de citatione prædicta et de rescripto apostolico, ut possimus super hiis deliberare et procuratorem facere, et ulterius quod viderimus expedire. De expensis vero in salario advocatorum et

in aliis tangentibus negotium nostrum, certificetis nos per præsentium portitorem, debita recepturi ad proximam diem litis. Copiam instrumentorum et acta nobis mittatis per præsentium portitorem apud vos tamen remanentibus exemplatis. Et si forte casu aliquo contingeret vos a civitate illa recedere, quod avertat Dominus, instrumenta ipsa gardiani custodiæ relinquatis. Datum apud Suthemallyng, etc.[1]

DCXLII.

To the Official of the Bishop of Chichester.

1285. 12 April. To prevent the archbishop of York from carrying his cross erect through the province of Canterbury.[2] R. f. 115.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro Willelmo de Cruceroys', officiali domini . . . . . Cycestrensis episcopi, salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Quia . . . archiepiscopus Eboracensis nunc commorans in partibus Galliarum, proponit in brevi, ut dicitur, ad partes Anglicanas accedere, et in Cycestrensi diœcese clandestine applicare; discretioni vestræ committimus et firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus in singulis ecclesiis ipsius diœcesis denunciari publice faciatis, ut nullus clericus seu laicus dictæ diœcesis prædicti . . . archiepiscopi benedictionem admittat, supponentes omnia loca per quæ ipsum cum cruce sua erecta transire contigerit, ecclesiastico interdicto. Moneatis insuper vice et auctoritate nostra bajulum crucis suæ ut ipsam erectam non deferat per nostram provinciam vel diœcesem, ipsum si contrarium fecerit per censuram ecclesiasticam compescendo. Et adhoc omnes rectores ecclesiarum et vicarios et sacerdotes ecclesiarum regimen habentes, et etiam decanos rurales fideliter informetis, injungentes eisdem ut sicut nostram voluerint vitare offensam, istud nostrum manda-

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[1] This date is in A, but not in R.

[2] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia ii. 119.

tum cum maturitate vigili exequantur. Valete. Datum apud Cherryngge, ii. idus Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo quinto, ordinationis nostræ septimo.

DCXLIII.

To Thomas de Chertham.

1285. 14 April. Orders him to pay certain sums in alms. R. f. 115.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio domino Thomæ de Chertham, clerico et familiari nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Mandamus vobis quatenus particulas inferius scriptas personis infrascriptis liberari faciatis de elemosina nostra per nos assignata apud Cherryngg' die Sabbati, scilicet xviii. kal. Maii, anno Domini MCCLXXXV., videlicet, decem marcas monialibus Sancti Sepulcri de Cantuaria pro coopertura dormitorii sui, quas debet magister Martinus commissarius noster accipere de fructibus ecclesiæ de Dale, et assignabit illas decem marcas domino Thomæ de Chartham monialibus prædictis erogandas, et in illis decem marcis includimus quatuor marcas pro cambio. Item, a die Sabbati prædicta, Matildæ de Wythihamme, filiæ suæ et nepti suæ, qualibet septimana ad vitam earum, decem denarios et obolum assignamus. Item, a prædicto die fratri Ricardo de Bolene qualibet die quamdiu vixerit, unum denarium. Item, nepti ejusdem Ricardi a die prædicto usque ad kalendas Augusti, qualibet die unum obolum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum anno, die et loco prædictis.

DCXLIV.

To William Daubeny, Canon of Hereford.

1285. 6 May. Desires him to give to the poor 20*l.* of the goods of Hugh de Cantilupe, late archdeacon of Gloucester.

R. f. 115.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., domino Willelmo Daubeny, canonico Hereford', salutem, etc. Quia de bonis testamenti venerabilis viri magistri Hugonis de Cantilupo, quondam archidiaconi Gloverniæ, quæ ad nostram dispensationem pervenerunt, viginti libras sterlingorum distribui jussimus in necessitates pauperum, quam distributionem per sollicitudinem fratris Johannis de Clara quondam executoris prædicti defuncti volumus procurari, prout ei injunximus ministerio vivæ vocis; vobis mandamus quatenus xx. libras de bonis dicti defuncti quæ habetis in manibus, alicui viro fideli, quem vobis dictus frater Johannes duxerit nominandum, per proprium nuncium vestrum faciatis citra Nativitatem Beati Johannis Baptistæ apud Oxoniam sine moræ dispendio assignari. Nihilominus citra festum Nativitatis Virginis gloriosæ venturi ad nos ubicumque fuerimus, ut de solutione residui ordinemus. Honestius enim judicamus motu nostro proprio familiariter vos vocare quam citatorio edicto vos velut extraneum non sine nota aliqua molestari; tantum inde facientes ut de utroque gratam fidelitatem vestram debeamus merito commendare. Et ne pro defectu acquietantiæ solutionem dictæ pecuniæ retardetis, damus magistro Herveo de Saham, auditori compoti vestri de bonis dicti defuncti, Oxoniæ commoranti et regenti, et gardiano Fratrum Minorum de eadem, tenore præsentium potestatem ut soluta dicta pecunia in forma præfata, plenam vobis faciant acquietantiam de eadem. Datum apud Lamheth, ii. non. Maii, anno Domini MCCLXXXV., ordinationis nostræ septimo.

DCXLV.

To the Bishop of Lincoln.

1285. 1 June. Concerning a Preaching (Dominican) Friar who has written against him.[1]

R. f. 216 b. A. f. 144.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., venerabili fratri domino Dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Licet Chore et sui in perfidia complices olim Moysi sacro principatui resistentes, quos horrendæ severitatis judicio vivos devoravit Inferus, ut clareat quantum zeletur Dominus pro reverentia exhibenda prælatis ecclesiæ quantumque contrarium detestetur; prædulces tamen Psalmorum moduli ejusdem Chore filiis inscribuntur, ut pateat manifeste non evacuare sacræ multitudinis gloriam casum ex eadem, quamvis præcipui unius vel plurium perversorum; sed perseverantium gloriæ potius attestari, dum perversum caput non sequitur fixa per gratiam stabilitas filiorum. Unde in Numeris legitur quia "factum est "grande miraculum, ut Chore pereunte ejus filii non "perirent,"[2] sic nec Luciferiani spiritus lapsu suo cœlestes excubias arguunt sed commendant, nec Salvatoris discipuli temporales ex auditu sacri misterii sibi ipsis scandalum facientes, (Joh. vi.[3]) Christi magisterium ac prædestinatorum discipulorum perseverantiam macularunt. Fratrum igitur Prædicatorum ordini non est ascribendum injuriæ, si quidam eorum capitanei nuper nobis prædecessoris nostri vestigiis inhærendo, errores quosdam arguentibus de consilio peritorum procaciter sicut equi parati ad prælium restiterunt. Nec hoc in ipsius ordinis[4] dedecus credimus intorquendum, si nos quorundam ex eis arrogantiæ adversantes, ipsorumque mendacia et maliciam involuntarie detegentes, magis volumus exemplo capitis nostri in suorum superbe nimis erectorum capitum Choreizantem pervicaciam, confusionis obprobrium re-

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 120.

[2] Num. xxvi. 11.

[3] John vi. 61.

[4] *ordinis*] odinis, A.

dundare, quam nostræ innocentiæ impingi posse maculam, quam nos non credimus meruisse. Sane non sufficientibus nuper ipsorum proterviæ garrulis detractionibus, quibus longe lateque conati sunt mendaciter lædere famam nostram, quidam ipsorum, ut creditur, non modicus suo sensu, qui cum loqui nesciret tacere non potuit, non veritus apostolicam sententiam in consecratione pontificis sic[1] dicentem; "Quicumque tibi "maledixerit sit ille maledictus;" maledictam[2] paginam et infame folium ausus est in nostri præjudicium publicare; quin potius in injuriam omnium ecclesiæ prælatorum, et illius etiam Summi Ierarchæ, qui pro subditis sibi ait ierarchis, "Qui vos spernit, me spernit;"[3] cujus folii est acephalum principium, malignum medium, et finis fatuus ac deformis. Acephalum inquam principium, quia tacito nomine quasi latro ex latebris sagittas projiciens toxicatas, proditoris more clam nisus est frustra pastorem percutere, quem scutum protegit veritatis, non formidans illud legale tonitruum quo cavetur, "Maledictus," ait "qui clam "percusserit proximum suum, (multoque magis patrem "suum,) et dicet omnis populus Amen."[4] In finem tandem decidit dedecentem, qui volens suam audaciam palliare, et ut ait clavum clavo retundere, Paulo se apostolo comparavit, Petrum deficientem humanitus arguentem; cum Paulus Petro non conviciis et mendaciis, ut ipse nobis, sed sinceræ testimonio restiterit veritatis. Licebat quidem Apostolo in casu illo coapostolum arguere nimis legales exequias prosequenti, ne pararetur præjudicium gratiæ Salvatoris, sed non licet monacho episcopum arguere pro veritatis regulis laborantem. Unde arguens Dionisius Demophilum[5] monachum qui consimiliter erraverat, dicit in epistola in hunc

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[1] *sic*] si, A.
maledictam] maledicam, MSS.
[3] Luke x. 16.
[4] Deuteronomy xxvii, 24.
[5] *Demophilum*] Demophalum, A.

modum:[1] "Non est fas a monachis corrigi sacerdotem, "quamvis contra divina impie agere videatur, et si in "aliquo deficiat, a coordinatis sanctis corrigitur ne ordo "super ordinem pervertatur." Hoc Dionisii. Erravit igitur monasticus, qui subditam ierarchiam professus in superiorem ausus est erigere linguam nequam cordis nunciam, stulta superbia habundantem, pro obedientia debita gradui parentali, vatem apostolum verum probans. "Erunt," inquit, "homines seipsos amantes, cupidi, elati, "superbi, blasphemi, parentibus non obedientes,"[2] quorum articulorum nullum sibi defuisse in hujusmodi arrogantia sequentia declarabunt. Medium tandem vulpinum amfractuosis deductum callibus rectitudinis tramite declaremus. Fratrum siquidem Minorum simplicitatem vituperans, involute dicit, quia si cornutam vereantur faciem, a veritate ut placeant declinabunt, quasi laudabiles sint ursi vel onagri quorum ruditati cornua natura negavit, quia audent Christi arietes lacerare; in hoc blasphemans pro utroque Testamento insignia prælatorum. Hiis siquidem temporibus bicornes sunt mitræ pontificum, quia et cornuta apparuit facies Moysi ex consortio sermonis Domini; non solum ut utriusque Testamenti præferant armaturas, verum etiam ut regalis et sacerdotalis honoris gemini, juxta quod Melchisedech præsagiit, deferant diadema. In talibus autem apparet quid tractent secretius hujusmodi detractores ubi aures non metuunt alienas. Ipse vero summus pontifex, cujus est gloria sicut unicornis, consecratus in signum singularis et universalis imperii mitram suscipit unicornem. Hiis enim et ceteris sacramentalibus insigniis subditi Deum timentes ad reverentiæ meritum et intelligentiæ spiritum multipliciter exercentur. Præterea Fratres Minores

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[1] Οὐ θεμιτὸν ἱερὲα πρὸς τῶν ὑπὲρ σὲ λειτουργῶν, ἤ τῶν ὁμοταγῶν σοι θεραπευτῶν εὐθύνεσθαι κἂν ἀσεβεῖν εἰς τὰ θεῖα δοκῇ, κἂν ἄλλό τι τῶν ἀπειρημένων ἐξελέγχοιτο δράσας. κ.τ.λ." S. Dionysii Areopagitæ Epist. viii.

[2] 2 Timoth. iii. 2.

ex institutionis suæ primordiis reverentur Domini sacerdotes ut in simplicitatis suæ ordine persistentes gratiam consequantur. Denique qui despiciunt[1] gradum antistitum, essentialem ecclesiæ ordinem quantum in ipsis est violant et perturbant, et histrionicum corpus ecclesiæ faciunt, dum pedes capiti superponunt, et sic ut Apocalypsis cecinit, "perdunt montes et insulæ locum "suum nec stellæ hujusmodi in suo manent ordine,"[2] quin potius cauda draconis detractæ deorsum in sui perniciem involvuntur. Procedens ulterius ausus nepharius spiritum in naribus innuit nos habere, cum spiritum habeat in naribus solus ille Salvator Dominus de quo hoc secundo scribitur Ysaye, "Quiescite," inquit, "ab homine cujus spiritus in naribus ejus."[3] Glosa, id est Christo. Non est igitur mirum si nostram non expavit injuriam, qui ausus est blasphemare pro injuria creaturæ gloriam Creatoris, et communibus scripturæ metaphoris[4] in nos et Fratres Minores impingere juxta paralogismum disciplinæ, communibus circa propria sic abutens ne posset circa propria mendaciis deprehendi. Dicit nos opinionem de unitate formæ rationibus et sanctorum testimoniis persequentes in mortuum impingere, quod est falsum. Quin potius ei, de quo loquitur, cum pro hac opinione ab episcopo Parisiensi et magistris theologiæ, etiam a fratribus propriis argueretur argute; nos soli eidem astitimus ipsum prout salva veritate potuimus defensando, donec ipse omnes positiones suas, quibus possit imminere correctio, sicut doctor humilis subjecit moderamini Parisiensium magistrorum. Non igitur ipsum persequimur, sed arrogantiam nonnullorum, qui elatiores quam capaciores, audaciores quam potentiores, garruliores quam litera-

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[1] *despiciunt*] dispiciunt, MS.

[2] This apparently refers to Apocalypse vi. 13, 14. "Et stellæ de "cœlo ceciderunt super terram, "sicut ficus emittit grossos suos "cum a vento magno movetur "et cœlum recessit sicut liber in-"volutus; et omnis mons, et in-"sulæ de locis suis motæ sunt.'

[3] Isaiah ii. 22.

[4] *metaphoris*] methaforis, MSS.

tiores, præsumunt astruere quod ignorant et juvenes seducibiles alliciunt in hoc ipsum. Nec modo ut impostor astruit, incipimus talia impugnare. Quin potius dudum legentes Parisius, in Anglia et in Romana curia publice multis annis, Christi assistente gratia, non cessavimus in hiis et in aliis imperterrite irreprehensam astruere veritatem. Opinionum siquidem diversitas apud philosophos non solvit amicitiam, sed inter modernos vaniloquos cordis transiit in affectum. Demum unicam nos voluit tenere formam silentii loquax ipse, qui circa declarandam formarum multitudinem laboramus, et utinam ipse doceat qui sunt illi homines multiformes de quibus legitur in Apocalipsi ix.: "Similitudines," inquit, "locustarum similes equis "paratis ad prælium, et super capita earum[1] coronæ "similes auro, et facies earum[2] sicut facies hominum. "Et habebant capillos sicut capillos mulierum, et "dentes earum sicut dentes leonum. Et habebant "loricas sicut loricas ferreas, et vox alarum earum "sicut vox curruum equorum multorum curren-"tium in bello. Et habebant caudas similes scor-"pionum."[3] Locustæ secundum legem sunt mundæ. Per similitudines igitur locustarum intelligitur apparentia munditiæ. In equis paratis ad prœlium, effrænatio audaciæ et discursus. In coronis non aureis sed auro similibus, inanis gloriatio de titulo doctrinæ. In faciebus hominum mansuetudinis simulatio. In capillis mulierum maliciosa machinatio. In dentibus leonum irreverens detractio. In loricis quasi ferreis incorrigibilis obstinatio. In sonitu alarum multitudinis excitatio ad hoc ipsum. In caudis scorpionum attractio principum reproborum qui secundum glosam per caudas hujusmodi designantur, quia sequuntur nutus hujusmodi multiformium monstrorum, a quibus in sua malicia confortantur, quia monstruose a monstris hujusmodi absolvuntur in notoriis sceleribus pertinaces. Cum

[1] *earum*] eorum MSS.
[2] *earum*] hominum R.
[3] Apoc. ix. 7.

igitur hujusmodi homines sint in veritate futuri, Domino permittente, caveat sibi quilibet ne formas hujusmodi secundum aliquid participans inter primitias talium reputetur. An non est multiformis plusquam Protheus mutans vultum, et similis adulteræ, quæ tergens os suum dicit, "Non sum operata "malum,"[1] qui in fine folii supradicti dicit se paternam gratiam in patientia et silentio expectare, quem in præcedentibus mendaci garrula nisus est fama lædere et animo provocare? Præterea noverit ipse quod philosophorum studia minime reprobamus, quatenus misteriis theologicis famulantur; sed prophanas vocum novitates, quæ contra philosophicam veritatem sunt in sanctorum injuriam citra viginti annos in altitudines theologicas introductæ, abjectis et vilipensis sanctorum assertionibus evidenter. Quæ sit ergo solidior et sanior doctrina, vel filiorum Beati Francisci, sanctæ scilicet memoriæ fratris Alexandri, ac fratris Bonaventuræ et consimilium, qui in suis tractatibus ab omni calumnia alienis sanctis et philosophis innituntur; vel illa novella quasi tota contraria, quæ quicquid docet Augustinus de regulis æternis et luce incommutabili, de potentiis animæ, de rationibus seminalibus inditis materiæ et consimilibus innumeris, destruat pro viribus et enervat pugnas verborum inferens toti mundo? Videant antiqui in quibus est sapientia, videat et corrigat Deus cœli. Zizannia nos impudenter asserit seminasse, cum nos in hac parte potissimi seminatoris sui prædecessoris nostri tantummodo semina renovemus, ut superseminata zizannia sanctorum tritico jam ad messem parata falce ecclesiastica in agro nostræ sollicitudini credito, concurrente industria sapientiorum Cantuariensis provinciæ messorum, ut possumus extirpemus. Et utinam Ille in cujus manu corda sunt regum, summo pontifici parasset vacandi spatium, et in

[1] Prov. xxx. 20.

hoc ejus animum inclinasset ut vellet ipse zizannia a tritico distinguere, credita sibi clavium potestate; ut appareret qui sint illi validi defensores opinionum mortui, de quibus jactator iste, falso ut credimus, gloriatur, nisi forte lateant apud antipodes vel cum Gymnosophistis[1] disputent constellationem congruam expectantes, si qua sit ydonea fantasmata proponendi. Fraternitatem igitur vestram obnixis precibus exoramus quatenus super gregem vestrum sollicite vigilantes, si quos inveneritis prædicto infamiæ folio præcipitatos in errorem juris aut facti, studeatis eos præsentis paginæ asseveratione veridica in veritatis tramitem revocare; et cum doctrina unius ordinis sit tota pœne contraria doctrinæ alterius, exceptis fidei fundamentis, nec potest esse vero contrarium nisi falsum, pensetis quantum sit periculum tam multiplicem falsitatem habere pœne per orbis spatium improbos defensores, quorum nonnulli correctioni prælatorum ecclesiæ et doctorum catholicorum despiciunt subjacere. Valeat fraternitas vestra per tempora longiora. Datum apud Warham, Sarisburiensis diœcesis, kalendis Junii, anno Domini MCCLXXXV.

DCXLVI.

To the Abbot of Clugny.

[1285.] 1 June. Advice about the management of the priory of Lewes, and the appointment of a new prior.

R. f. 116. A. f. 138 b.

Reverendo in Christo patri domino abbati Cluniacensi, frater J[ohannes], etc. Inter cetera regni Angliæ monasteria, Lewense cœnobium idcirco cordi nostro est præcordialius commendatum, quo in ipsius vicinia coaluimus a puero, et ab ejusdem professoribus solatia recepimus et honores; nec possumus innato affectu patriæ inclinati, etiam aliis cessantibus illius ecclesiæ commodum non amare, et pro eodem in statu

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[1] *Gymnosophistis*] gignosophistis, MSS.

pristinæ condecenciæ[1] propagando, libenter opem et operam quas possumus apponere peroptamus, ejus desolationi quam fide cernimus oculata ex animo condolentes. Si igitur desiderat vestra paternitas ipsum monasterium ad statum debitum reformare, hæc vobis tria esse credimus necessario attendenda. Primo quidem, ut tales ibi præficiantur decetero in priores qui interius monachorum numerum, religionis meritum et exemplum, hospitalitatis gratiam, pauperibus exhibendam misericordiam, ædificationem cleri et populi promovere, quæ jam ad modicum vel ad nichilum sunt redacta, et crescente malitia ulterius decident in immensum, nisi divini honoris debita celerius reformentur; et qui specialiter zelum habentes animarum, ad curam earundem tales studeant præsentare qui exemplo et verbo se pastores esse doceant, non prædones. Junioris ætatis gratiam transcurrimus et jam attigimus tempora senectutis, et recogitantes sollicite vix memores esse possumus, quod unquam usque in præsentem diem viderimus hominem a priore Lewensi et collegio in sinceritate debita ad animarum regimen præsentari. Nec credatis ipsum posse monasterium sub vestris manibus quantumcumque laborantibus prosperari, donec offensa Domini ex oppositis prædictorum a suis oculis auferatur. Secundo, necessarium esse noveritis ut talem ibi vestra prudentia præficiat in prælatum, qui non lucris inhians asportandis, nec honori inhians proprio, respiciat in obliquum; si tanquam ibidem jugiter moraturus disponat perpetuo gressus suos, qui bona monasterii omnia in ejusdem commoda convertat, qui collegium in statu pristino confoveat, qui amicorum gratiam nutriat, qui sic Deo quæ sua sunt reddat, ut sciat etiam Cæsaream gratiam, hoc est, magnatum omnium militiæ et sacerdotii, modo honesto et licito procurare. Grandis enim est fama Lewensis ecclesiæ, et bona ejus esse grandia

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[1] *condecenciæ*] condescenciæ, MSS.

referuntur, et crevisse nostris temporibus per appropriatas ecclesias et vias alias dinoscuntur; cum tamen in ipsa ecclesia omnis honor et pietas et conventus necessitas palam ut dicitur sint minuti, et ut dicitur multiplicati sunt in eadem ecclesia externi monachi et priores in cellis ejusdem potissimis et de novo. Pro certissimo igitur teneat vestra prudentia quod nisi istis remedium apponatur, major subversio subsequetur, quia sicut indies crescit ambitio, sic et oculata malitia in ejusdem tribulationem accenditur continue cum augmento. Tertio, si cupitis ipsam vestram ecclesiam prosperari, patroni vestri militis excellenter illustris comitis Warenn' gratiam studeatis conquirere cum favore, cujus progenitores sic vestris bona ipsius ecclesiæ contulerunt ut eidem reservaverint patronatum. Et idcirco gratitudinis legibus ei tenemini, quantum potestis inoffenso Altissimo, complacere, nec credatis sub ipsius offensa ipsum posse monasterium in spiritualibus vel in temporalibus prosperari, quo offenso, sicut multum amabili principe, omnes offenditis Angliæ principes et prælatos. Circa provisionem igitur faciendam ad præsens ut dicitur de priore, ex animo vos rogamus ut votis suis quantum secundum Deum poteritis velitis consensum vestrum favorabiliter inclinare, adeo ut si de lingua præfici ibidem aliquem petierit Anglicana, dum tamen sit idoneus non negetis. Præsertim quia secundum statuta sanctorum patrum amabiles debent esse pastores et quorum noverint oves vocem, et secundum imperiales regulas de vico creati debeant magistratus et secundum Spiritus Sancti visibilem visionem linguas nosse debeant nationum, qui sunt doctores nationibus destinandi, et idcirco loqui linguis variis apostolis est concessum. Nec potest se vestra paternitas excusare dicendo se talium notitiam non habere, quia per tot subditos quos habetis in Anglia et fideles alios satis poteritis instrui si velitis de pluribus idoneis pro hoc facto. Rogamus autem ne displiceat paternitati vestræ si non requisiti vos

nostro consilio prævenimus, quia et ad hoc Christi caritas nos inclinat et præjudicare non intendimus consilio potiori. Offenderemus etiam conscientiam et fraternæ debitum caritatis si pericula vobis et ecclesiæ vestræ quæ credimus imminentia taceremus. Valete semper in Christo, semper et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum kal. Junii.

DCXLVII.

To the Abbot and Convent of Gloucester.

1285. 11 June. Concerning the burial of a person in their church, contrary to his wish. R. f. 116 b. A. f. 69.

Abbati et conventui Gloverniæ. Quanto Fratrum Minorum conversationem et opera in perfectione euuangelica sanctius novimus prosperari, tanto ipsos, in suis privilegiis, quorum conservationi auctoritas apostolica nos præfecit, censemus favorabilius confovendos. Sane sicut nobis innotuit, quidam nuper in municipio Gloverniæ liberæ conditionis existens, et fatalitatis debito appropinquans, apud Fratres Minores elegit, ut dicitur, sepulturam, cujus corpus quidam de vobis, aliis forsitan inconsultis, contra jus commune, dicti defuncti voluntatem, fratrumque privilegia præscriptorum, violenter ad vestrum fecerunt portari monasterium, et ibidem pro suo libito tumulari. Cum igitur nihil magis hominibus debeatur quam ut supremæ voluntatis liber sit stilus, cujus contrarium nedum in casu proposito, verum etiam alias in consimili per vos dicitur attemptatum, vos omnes et singulos in internæ dilectionis visceribus amplexantes, dolentesque ex intimo, si inter vos et fratres prædictos, quorum privilegia ex injuncto, ut diximus, apostolico habemus illibata servare, dissensionis contigerit materiam suboriri; devotionem vestram quanta possumus affectione rogamus quatenus a tramite non deviantes justitiæ, vestroque in hac parte consulentes honori, prædictas sic studeatis injurias satisfactione et

restitutione debita compensare, quod ab hujusmodi nihilominus cum pace et tranquillitate utriusque ordinis cessetur amodo; ne iidem fratres injuriose gravati, contra indulta apostolica quorum fidem facere parati sumus, cum super hoc a vobis requisiti fuerimus, ad nos tanquam ipsorum refugium hac occasione vel consimili redire cogantur; quibus in protectione juris sui deficere non possemus sine nota inobedientiæ, cum ad hoc simus mandato apostolico obligati. Ad cujusmodi autem exauditionis affectum, has nostras preces [si] admiserit vestra dilectio, nobis rescribi petimus indilate. Datum apud Schyreburne, iii. idus Junii, ordinationis nostræ anno vii.

DCXLVIII.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

1285. 12 June. Hears that the archbishop of York is coming from abroad. Orders him to forbid the people showing the archbp. any respect if he carries his cross erect, and to shut the church doors in his face.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilectis filiis . . archidiacono Cantuariensi et ejusdem loci consistorii commissario salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Licet alias vobis nostris dederimus literis in mandatis, ut . . archiepiscopum Eboracensem, qui tunc temporis in ecclesiæ nostræ præjudicium, cum cruce erecta credebatur per nostram diœcesem transiturus, non permitteretis a nostris subditis honorari vel recipi, quodque loca ipsa per quæ transitum faceret supponeretis ecclesiastico interdicto; quia tamen jam pro certo didicimus prædictum Archiepiscopum de transmarinis partibus venientem in brevi applicaturum in Anglia, et per partes nostræ diœcesis erecta cruce in elationis spiritu transiturum; ne ipsius adventu subito circumventa in executione prædicti mandati nostri vestra sollicitudo tepescat, vobis iterato mandamus in virtute obedientiæ, et sub pœna canonica firmiter injungentes, quatenus visis literis indilate per singulas ecclesias

R. f. 116 b.

nostræ diœcesis faciatis per vos et per alios omnes subditos nostros de prædicti archiepiscopi transitu præmuniri. Inhibentes eis districtius sub pœna excommunicationis, in quam incidant ipso facto scienter contrarium attemptantes, nobis absolutione hujusmodi sententiæ reservata, ne quis ad ejus benedictionem vel aliquam ei exhibendam reverentiam quamdiu crucem erectam portaverit, se inclinet. Inhibeatis insuper sub eadem sententia excommunicationis, quam ex nunc in hiis scriptis ferimus in contrarium facientes, ne quis ei in hac nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ injuria audeat præstare consilium, auxilium vel favorem. A quibus sententiis tantum excipi volumus regem et reginam ac liberos eorundem. Præmuniatis insuper rectores, vicarios, capellanos sæculares et religiosos omnes et singulos nostræ jurisdictionis, ut missas non celebrent, campanas non pulsent, nec aliqua ecclesiastica exerceant officia in locis ad quæ declinaverit, vel in quibus descenderit moraturus, quæ ipso facto ex hujus mandati decreto quamdiu ibi moram fecerit ecclesiastico supponimus interdicto. Præcipimus insuper ut si aliquam ecclesiam velit ingredi idem archiepiscopus nostræ jurisdictionis cruce erecta, ostia sibi ecclesiæ claudantur in facie, sub pœna superius annotata. Circa igitur præmissa vos tam sollicite habeatis ut vestram debeamus in hac parte diligentiam merito commendare. Valete. Datum apud Schyreburne, ii. idus Junii, anno Domini MCCLXXXV., ordinationis nostræ vii.

Consimilis litera emanavit magistro Martino commissario Cantuariensi pro decanatibus exemptis in episcopatibus Cantuariensi, Roffensi, Cycestrensi, et Wyntoniensi, sub eisdem forma et data.[1]

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[1] Marginal note in another hand: —Litera Wyntoniensi, Roffensi et Cycestrensi et archidiacono Cantuariensi ne archiepiscopus Eboracensis deferat crucem in diœcesibus suis.

DCXLIX.

To Martin, his Commissary.

1285. 12 June. Desires him to request the abbot of St. Augustine's and other exempt persons not to admit the archbishop of York into their churches with his cross erect. R. f. 117.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio magistro Martino commissario Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Tenore præsentium vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus dominum abbatem Sancti Augustini ac ceteros exemptos ac privilegiatos nostræ diœcesis et immediatæ Canciæ jurisdictionis, ex parte nostra cum omni instantia exoretis, ut ipsi ob reverentiam Cantuariensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopum Eboracensem cito per partes illas transiturum, ut dicitur, cum cruce erecta in suis ecclesiis vel oratoriis non admittant, nec ipsius benedictionem recipiant, quam maledictioni æquivalere credimus in hac parte, sed ipsius præsumptionem in crucis suæ deportationem se indicent veritatis indiciis detestari, sicut volunt protectionis nostræ beneficio pro loco et tempore consolari. Ad quam autem exauditionis gratiam preces nostras admittendas duxerint cum effectu, attendatis sollicite, et nobis cum opportunum fuerit rescribatis. Valete. Datum apud Schyreburne, ii. idus Junii, anno Domini MCCLXXXV., ordinationis nostræ septimo.

DCL.

To the Abbot of Sherborne.

1285. 26 Aug. Desires him to remove the person to whom the rector of Compton Minor has

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio abbati de Schyreburne, Sarr' diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Visitantes dudum metropolitico jure diœcesem Sarr' et ad villam de Schyreburn' personaliter declinantes, invenimus Gilbertum de Sorham presbyterum rectorem ecclesiæ de Compton' Minoris vestræ jurisdictioni immediate subjectæ, de vestra licentia ordi-

naria Thomæ de Lockyng' clerico ecclesiam suam ad firmam triennalem dedisse; cujus firmæ prætextu dictus rector a præfata ecclesia se plus debito absentaverit, et ecclesia eadem debitis obsequiis fraudabatur. Propter quod clerici et commissarii nostri decreverunt et mandarunt rectori memorato ut evacuata firma superius expressa, ad eandem ecclesiam suam rediret et ibidem residentiam faceret personalem firma hujusmodi non obstante. Nos autem quod per eosdem clericos seu commissarios nostros actum est in hac parte ratum habentes et firmum, vobis mandamus, quatenus amoto dicto firmario quatenus eandem firmam de facto detinet, rectorem prædictum moneatis et efficaciter inducatis ut ad ecclesiam suam prædictam rediens debitam inibi faciat residentiam personalem, ipsos firmarium et rectorem adhoc per censuram ecclesiasticam, si necesse fuerit, compescendo. Qualiter autem hujusmodi mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis citra festum Omnium Sanctorum fideliter constare faciatis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Maghefeld', vii. kal. Septembris.

farmed his church, and to order the rector to reside. R. f. 117.

DCLI.

To the Provincial of the Friars Preachers and Minister of the Friars Minors.

1285. 31 Oct. Forbids the absolution of those who oppose the freedom of the church. R. f. 118 b. A. f. 69 b.

W. priori provinciali Fratrum Prædicatorum et W. ministro Fratrum Minorum in Anglia frater J[ohannes], etc., salutem. Quia istis temporibus crescit numerus malignantium et insurgentium plus solito contra ecclesiasticam libertatem, quos non est dubium incidere ipso facto in excommunicationis sententiam latam dudum in Oxoniensi Concilio, sicut transgressores etiam Magnæ Cartæ; vos affectu quo possumus requirimus et hortamur, quatenus malefactores hujusmodi ab istis

sceleribus nullatenus absolvatis, nec a fratribus vestrorum ordinum absolvi quomodolibet permittatis. Quorum absolutionem de consensu suffraganeorum nostrorum nobis et personis episcoporum eorundem et ordinariis locorum, quibus vel quorum subditis injuriæ hujusmodi sunt illatæ, tantummodo reservamus, declarantes absolutiones aliter factas ab aliis non tenere, sed per tales decipi animas infelices. Attendatisque sollicite quod absolutionem ab hujusmodi peccatis præcedere debet absolutio a sententia excommunicationis, ad quam cum jurisdictionis existat, nullatenus potestis extendere manus vestras. Valete, in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Lameheth, ii. kal. Novembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXV., ordinationis nostræ septimo.

DCLII.

To the Dean of South Malling.

1285. 2 Nov. Subsidy is not payable for Mayfield, which is annexed to the archbishop's table.

R. f. 118 b.

Decano Suthmallyng' salutem, etc. Literam magistri Martini commissarii nostri Cantuariensis vidimus apertam stultitiam continentem. Cum enim nuper clerus nostræ provinciæ quintamdecimam triennalem, et postmodum vicesimam biennalem domino regi concederet, episcopi ad contributionem hujusmodi de ecclesiis pertinentibus ad mensam suam se nullatenus obligarunt nisi quantum foret beneplacitum singulorum. Quia igitur ecclesia de Magefeld annexa est mensæ nostræ, de qua non est prædicta quintadecima seu vicesima solvenda, nec credimus dominum regem aliquid indebitum velle exigere, mandamus quatenus occasione prædicti mandati commissarii a prædicta ecclesia de Magefeld nihil penitus exigatis, et si in hac parte aliqua sententia suspensionis vel excommunicationis in vos ferre præsumpserit, nos decernimus eas tanquam vanas et frivolas non tenere. Volentes ut dictus commissarius, et quivis ejus vices

gerens hujusmodi virtute mandati a prædicta exactione desistant, et hoc eis constare volumus per præsentes. Datum apud Lameheth', die commemorationis Animarum, ordinationis nostræ anno septimo.

DCLIII.

To the General of the Friars Minors.

[1285.] 2 Nov. Asks him to confirm the change of habitation of the Friars at Reading. R. f. 118 b. A. f. 69 b.

Venerabili in Christo patri, fratri Alloto generali ministro ordinis Fratrum Minorum, Frater Johannes, etc. salutem, et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Fratrum simplicitas primitiva in provincia Anglicana, tam in locis capiendis quam in ædificiis construendis, inconsideratione facta ferventius quam prudentius posteris incommoda propagavit, dum et propter hoc coegit frequenter necessitas mutare loca, et reparare ædificia ruinosa. Unde specialiter in loco fratrum Radyng',[1] Sarisburiensis diœcesis, cogente quodammodo protervia monachorum qui Radyng' dominantur, ceperunt sibi fratres locum palustrem a principio extra villam, in quo cum maximis incommodis hactenus sunt morati; tum quia inundationibus aquarum assiduis operitur taliter locus ipse, ut fratres durante inundatione, vel cogantur locum deserere, vel in ipso cum periculo remanere; tum quia loci distantia multum gravat fratres in villa ipsa, sibi necessaria temporibus hiemalibus perquirentes. Quocirca multis et magnis interpellantibus, tandem monachi prædicti celebres et famosi, fratribus concesserunt ut possint aream suam in locum eminentem inter villæ ambitum ampliare, ubi nec alluvionem timeant, nec ducente compendio, a quærendis necessariis nimis distent. Quod tamen nullo modo concedere voluerunt nisi cum quibusdam præjudiciis privilegiorum ordinis, sicut videre poteritis

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[1] *See* Vol II., Preface, p. lxxxij.

ex forma compositionis quæ vobis mittitur approbanda, cui præjudicio nos etiam consensimus, attendentes quod forsitan si necessitas urgeat, poterit ipsi præjudicio remedium adhiberi processu temporis vel auctoritate superioris nostri vel regia benevolentia, vel auctoritate nostri officii, cujus præsidium necesse habent prædicti monachi aliquotiens implorare. Rogamus igitur paternitatem vestram ut condescendentes[1] fratrum angustiis, tantam necessitatem privilegiorum libertatibus vel commoditatibus proponentes, velitis, quod vix elaboratum est roborare sigilli munimine ministerii generalis, cujus vobis auctoritas est concessa summi providentia tribunalis. Rogamus insuper et obsecramus ut inter crebrescentes sæculi tempestates nulla deprimat pusillanimitas mentem vestram. Scitis enim quod elevandæ arcæ a luto et pulvere sunt necessarii fluctus fortes, et purgandis vasis Domini fornax urens, ac formandis tubis ductilibus multiplicata percussio malleorum. Et hoc vobis dicimus in eloquio sacerdotis, quod si pateretur superioris auctoritas, et scandalum non obstaret, nihil sic pectoris nostri insidet desideriis, sicut in camino Beati Francisci cum fratribus expiari. Tanta est enim perfectio prælatorum ut vix sciamus vel potius nesciamus hiis infelicissimis temporibus in hoc statu saluti animæ nostræ miseræ providere. Valete in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum London', in commemoratione fidelium defunctorum.

DCLIV.

To Martin his Commissary and others.

1285. 15 Dec. Excommunication of persons

Frater Johannes, etc. dilectis filiis magistro M[artino] commissario Cantuariensi, officiali archidiaconi Cantuariensis, et decano Christianitatis loci ejusdem salutem,

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[1] *condescendentes*] condescentes, A.

gratiam, et benedictionem. Licet homines et tenentes nostri et ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis a præstatione theolonei, stallagii, muragii, passagii, et aliarum exactionum consimilium per totum regnum Angliæ, secundum libertates nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ concessas, sint liberi penitus et immunes, et hujusmodi libertate dicta ecclesia et tenentes ejusdem gavisi sint pacifice a tempore, cujus memoria non existit; quidam tamen perditionis filii de civitate Cantuariæ ut intelleximus, contra jura et libertates hujusmodi temere venientes, novas et insolitas exactiones ab hominibus et tenentibus nostris, et ecclesiæ nostræ extorquere præsumunt in sententiam excommunicationis latam in omnes malefactores hujusmodi ipso facto damnabiliter incidendo. Quocirca vobis et cuilibet vestrum tenore præsentium committimus, et firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus omnes malefactores hujusmodi in excommunicationis sententiam incidisse, et excommunicatos esse in genere, in singulis ecclesiis civitatis Cantuariæ diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solemnia denunciari publice et solemniter faciatis. Et quia Johannem dictum Andreu, et Edmundum de Therne de Cant' super præmissis per confessionem suam coram nobis factam in judicio convictos pronunciavimus, justitia exigente, ac etiam ipsos in prædictam excommunicationis sententiam incidisse; vobis mandamus, quatenus ipsos Johannem et Edmundum nominatim excommunicatos esse in singulis ecclesiis civitatis Cant. diebus dominicis et festivis intra missarum solemnia denuncietis, et faciatis per alios publice et solemniter nunciari, donec beneficium absolutionis in forma juris meruerint obtinere. In hiis autem exequendis unus vestrum alterum non expectet. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, et quolibet præmissorum, nobis citra festum Epiphaniæ

making illegal exactions on the tenants of the see.[1]

R. f. 115 b.

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 123.

Domini distincte et aperte, ubicunque tunc in nostra provincia fuerimus, per vestras patentes literas, harum continentes seriem, rescribatis. Datum apud Cherryng, xviii. cal. Jan., Anno Domini, etc.

DCLV.

To the Dean of Shoreham.

1286. 31 Jan. Orders him to excommunicate those who have taken certain persons from the archbishop's prison. R. f. 115 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., decano de Schorham, salutem, etc. Venientes nuper ad partes nostras de Otteford celebri clamore intelleximus, quod cum quidam malefactores super crimine homicidii coram coronatore patriæ accusati fuissent, et propter hoc capti et per eum ballivis nostris juxta nostræ libertatem ecclesiæ liberati, et per dies aliquot in carcere nostro detenti; venientes quidam Dei et ecclesiasticæ libertatis inimici, propria auctoritate, sine mandato regio, incarceratos ipsos contra voluntatem custodum eorundem et ballivorum nostrorum, improbitatis suæ violentia de manerio nostro de Otteford temere extraxerunt, contra regni consuetudinem et nostræ Cantuariensis ecclesiæ libertatem. Quocirca tibi in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus omni dilatione postposita per singulas ecclesias tui decanatus omnes illos qui prædictos incarceratos nostros sic sine mandato regio contra libertatem ecclesiasticam et regni consuetudinem extrahere præsumpserunt, illos etiam qui eis ad hoc consilium, auxilium vel favorem clam vel palam impenderunt, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis, candelis extinctis, publice et sollemniter excommunicatos denuncies et facias per alios nunciari, donec a nobis aliud receperis[1] in mandatis; inquirens nihilominus de nominibus eorundem et ipsis faventium in hac parte. Et quos super hoc reos inveneris nobis rescribas fideliter citra octabas Purificationis Beatæ Virginis per tuas patentes

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[1] *receperis*] receperitis, MS.

literas harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Otteford, ii. kal. Februarii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo quinto, ordinationis nostræ octavo.

DCLVI.

To his Commissary.

1286. 21 Feb. Relaxes the excommunication of citizens of Canterbury who have molested his tenants. R. f. 119 b

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio . . . commissario suo Cantuariensi salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nuper Cantuariam venientes intelleximus tenentes nostros Cantuariæ suburbii per quosdam cives regios civitatis[1] incolas contra libertatem ecclesiæ gravatos fuisse multipliciter, ut prima facie videbatur, quorum gravaminum auctores in genere de prudentum virorum consilio in excommunicationis sententiam latam in Oxoniensi concilio[2] contra turbatores libertatis ecclesiasticæ denunciavimus incidisse, et Johannem Andree ac Edmundum de Terne, qui se specialiter incentores præjudiciorum talium fatebantur, excommunicatos denunciari fecimus nominatim. Verumtamen quia idem cives regii communitatem suam postea coram nobis asseruerunt in præmissis penitus innocentem, et se hoc posse veris indiciis declarare, partim negando facta præjudicialia quorum auctores sunt proculdubio anathematis vinculo innodati, partim juris esse regii affirmantes, quod sibi pro jure vendicant nostri tenentes; et sic quoad ipsos est effectum dubium quod certum proculdubio putabatur; nos jura regia volentes quantum ad nos pertinet integre conservare, et in dubiis explorata certitudine nulli præjudicium facere, præsertim vero

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[1] *civitatis*] civitas, MS.

[2] See the sentence which precedes the Acts of the Council (Wilkins, i. 585), directed against those, among others, "qui ecclesias "maliciose suo jure privare præ- "sumunt, aut per malitiam liber- "tates earundem infringere vel "perturbare contendunt."

nostris immediatis ovibus pro quarum animabus habemus in Divino judicio districtius respondere, denunciationes sententiarum hujusmodi per nos ac nostros hac occasione factas, quatenus a nostro sive in genere sive in specie processerunt edicto, pro reverentia domini regis præsentibus relaxamus; relaxatione[1] hujusmodi usque ad mensem post Pascha proximum duratura, ut interim veritas de præmissis plenius innotescat. Quocirca vobis mandamus quatenus relaxationem hujusmodi per civitatem Cantuariæ, suburbium et loca alia adjacentia, in quibus denunciationes prædictæ factæ fuerunt, interim publicetis et publicari faciatis per alios, donec a nobis aliud receperitis in mandatis. Valete. Datum apud Lamheth, ix. kal. Martii, ordinationis nostræ anno octavo.

DCLVII.

Sir Osbert Giffard.

1286. 21 Feb. Penance for the abduction of two nuns from Wilton Abbey. R. f. 119 b. A. f. 56 b.

Universis, etc., frater Johannes, etc. Cum nuper in Saresbyriensi diœcese auctoritate metropolitica visitationis officium exercentes, inveniremus dominum Osbertum Giffard, militem, duas moniales a suo monasterio de Wylton', in animæ suæ grave periculum et totius religionis scandalum, sacrilege abduxisse. Propter quod auctoritate nostra extitit majoris excommunicationis sententia innodatus; idemque miles postmodum, spiritu ductus pœnitentiæ, coram nobis personaliter comparens et sui reatus ignominiam humiliter confitens, impendi sibi absolutionis beneficium postularet. Nos unacum venerabili fratre nostro domino Waltero, Saresbyriensi episcopo, ibidem præsente, dictum dominum Osbertum a prædicta sententia absolvimus in forma ecclesiæ, injuncta sibi pœnitentia inferius annotata, videlicet, quod ante omnia moniales restituat quas abduxit, quas abbatissa recipere teneatur, salva ordinis disci-

[1] *relaxatione*] relaxationem, MS.

plina. Item nunquam intret septa monasterii prædicti de Wylton' nec alterius monialium vel sacrarum virginum quarumcunque, nec concurrat extra monasteria cum monialibus quibuscunque absque diœcesani licentia speciali, de cujus jurisdictione fuerint moniales. Pro scandalo tamen radicitus extirpando, volumus ut tribus diebus solemnibus, non tamen in monialium præsentia, ter circa ecclesiam de Wylton' monialium nudus in camisia et femoralibus fustigetur, ter etiam per forum Saresbyr' triplici die fori, et ter circa ecclesiam de Shaftebur' tribus diebus solemnibus, sicut circa ecclesiam de Wylton' superius est expressum. Quia insuper enormitas peccati sui supra modum scandalum in Anglia suscitavit, ipsi pœnitentiam solemnem decernimus imponendam, ut in capite jejunii cum ceteris pœnitentibus a majore ecclesia Saresbyr' expellatur; in quinta feria majoris hebdomadæ cum aliis pœnitentibus inducendus. Præterea insigniis militaribus interim sit privatus, nec calcaria deaurata nec gladium nec sellam militarem, aut deauratas phaleras habiturus nec vestes coloratas, sed tantummodo de russeto cum agninis pellibus vel ovinis, nec calciamenta nisi vaccina, nec utatur camisia, postquam prædicto modo fuerit fustigatus. Et hæc omnia sibi injungimus in virtute præstiti juramenti ut taliter extra militiam agat vitam, donec per triennium steterit personaliter et integre in Terra Sancta, nisi infra triennium ipsum dominus rex Angliæ illustris ipsum revocandum duxerit, ex gratia speciali. Et quia solemniter pœnitentibus solent imponi jejunia et rigores, nos hoc, quantum ad nos pertinet, venerabilis fratris nostri domini Saresbyriensis episcopi duximus industriæ relinquendum. Ita tamen quod de præscriptis nihil minuat sine nobis. In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum, unacum sigillo prædicti fratris nostri. Datum apud Lamheth, ix. kal. Martii, anno Domini MCCLXXXV.

DCLVIII.

To the Abbot of Bewley.

1286. 26 Feb. Thomas de Ryngmer, prior of Christchurch, Canterbury, has broken the archbishop's orders in going to Bewley.

R. f. 119 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., religioso viro in Christo sibi carissimo . . Abbati de Belloloco, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Notum vobis fieri volumus per præsentes, quod exorta dudum quadam dissensione inter fratrem Thomam de Ryngmere, tunc priorem ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ, et quosdam sui conventus monachos ex adverso, nos conjicientes ex verisimilibus conjecturis eundem fratrem Thomam statum suum velle permutare, et ad religionem aliam se transferre, coram pluribus ipsius loci monachis publice inhibuimus sub pœna excommunicationis, quam extunc protulimus in contrarium facientes, ne quis eorum hoc facere præsumeret sine nostra conscientia et licentia speciali. Verumtamen dictus frater Thomas nostræ inhibitionis hujusmodi non ignarus, sed forsitan immemor præ cordis angustiis quos ferebat, a nobis minime petita licencia vel obtenta, in vestræ religionis ac monasterii habitum obtinuit se admitti. Nos vero hoc cognito ipsum a suo proposito intendebamus retraxisse, et fecissemus utique nisi vestri ordinis reverentia, quem non libenter offendimus, obstitisset. Cum igitur non sit dubium ipsum per ingressum religionis vestræ contra prædictam inhibitionem nostram dicta sententia innodatum notamque irregularitatis minus provide incurrisse, eo quod interim immiscuit se divinis; hæc vobis de eo insinuanda decrevimus, ut ipsius in hac parte saluti et securitati salubrius consulatis. Valete, etc. Datum apud Otteford, iiii. kal. Martii, anno, etc.

DCLIX.

To Edward I.

1286. 10 March. Requests the restitution of the confiscated property of Luke of St. Leonard, who has purged himself of the murder of Walter of Lechlade, precentor of Exeter. Royal Letters, 1857. R.O.

Excellentissimo principi ac domino Edwardo Dei gratia illustri regi Angliæ, domino Hyberniæ et duci Aquitaniæ, frater Johannes permissione Divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, salutem et pacem per quam reges regnant et principes dominantur. Cum dilectus filius magister Lucas de Sancto Leonardo, clericus nostræ diœcesis, super consensu mortis magistri Walteri de Lechelade, quondam præcentoris ecclesiæ Exoniensis ibidem dudum enormiter interfecti, diffamatus fuisset, et coram justiciariis vestris in comitatu Devon' imaginarie super hoc convictus, nobisque ordinario suo ipsorum justiciariorum judicio, ut moris est, liberatus carcerali custodiæ mancipandus; tandem vocatis vocandis et denunciationibus factis publice et sollemniter loco et tempore opportunis, ut omnes et singuli qui se opponere vellent, vel sua crederent interesse, coram officiali nostro Cantuariensi speciali nostro commissario in hac parte comparerent propositurí seu ostensuri legitimum vel canonicum aliquod, si quod haberent, quare purgatio prædicti Lucæ clerici super præmissis sibi impositis in forma juris non esset admittenda; cum insuper contra admissionem purgationis hujusmodi ab aliquo non fuisset propositum seu ostensum, quod ipsam purgationem posset aliqualiter impedire seu quomodolibet retardare, præfatus magister Lucas coram dicto . . . officiali nostro personaliter constitutus, secundum jura et consuetudinem regni Angliæ usitatam hactenus et obtentam, super omnibus sibi impositis mortem prædicti magistri Walteri tangentibus legitime et canonice se purgavit. Quocirca excellentiæ regiæ supplicamus humiliter et devote, quatenus præcipere dignemini ut omnes terræ, possessiones, bona etiam mobilia et immobilia prædicti clerici,

occasione superius expressa in manus vestras capta et seysita secundum regni vestri consuetudinem, sine diminutione eidem clerico vel suo attornato restituantur ac etiam liberentur. Custodiat Dominus excellentiam vestram per tempora longiora. Datum apud Tenham, vi. idus Martii, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo quinto.

DCLX.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury and others.

1286. 28 March. Forbids the presence of laymen at their chapters. R. f. 117.

Frater J[ohannes], etc. dilecto filio . . . archidiacono Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nuper nostris auribus insonuit quod quidam layci ad capitula vestra, quæ tenetis per vos et ministeriales vestros, personaliter accedentes ibi moram faciunt dum ecclesiastica negotia tractatis et peccata corrigitis, explorantes sollicite cujusmodi processus et causæ in vestris capitulis agitantur, quod fuit usque ad moderna tempora inauditum. Ex talium siquidem præsentia concutiuntur personæ simplicium Domini sacerdotum, et etiam aliorum, ut enervatur vigor ecclesiasticæ disciplinæ. Quocirca vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatenus cum exploratores hujusmodi ad capitula vestra venerint, quibus vos aut vestros contigerit interesse, moneatis eos vel moneri faciatis ut ipsi a vestris tractatibus se absentent, præsertim cum sua præsentia ad solam explorationem ecclesiasticorum processuum ordinata, offendat ecclesiasticam libertatem. Quod si facere noluerint, vobis in virtute obedientiæ præcipimus, et sub pœna excommunicationis quam poteritis non immerito formidare, nisi nostris mandatis parueritis in hac parte, quatenus dum ipsi præsentes fuerint omni cognitioni et tractatui causarum et processuum ecclesiasticorum supersedeatis omnino. Citantes eosdem peremptorie ut certa die coram nobis compareant ubi-

cunque in provincia nostra fuerimus, recepturi pœnam pro suis demeritis sicut perturbatores ecclesiasticæ libertatis. Et de nominibus citatorum et die nos certificare curetis, quotiens aliquid tale inveneritis, sicut canonicam volueritis effugere ultionem. Datum apud Aldington, v. kal. Aprilis, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ viii.

Consimilis litera tenoris et datæ emanavit magistro Martino commissario Cantuariensi, et alia consimilis universis decanis exemptæ jurisdictionis.

DCLXI.

Heresy.

1286. 30 April. Heretical opinions condemned by Peckham.[1] R. f. 120 b.

In nomine Domini, Amen: anno ejusdem MCC. octogesimo sexto, indictione quartadecima, ultima die mensis Aprilis, reverendus in Christo pater dominus Johannes, Dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, pro tribunali sedens in ecclesia beatæ Mariæ de Arcubus London'; assidentibus sibi venerabilibus patribus dominis Olivero Lincolniensi, Godefrido Wygorniensi, et Ricardo Herefordensi, episcopis; præsentibus etiam venerabilibus viris magistris Gilberto de Sancto Leofardo, officiali curiæ Cantuariensis; Herveo de Saham, cancellario universitatis Oxoniensis; Petro de Sancto Mario, archidiacono Surreyæ; Henrico de Nassington, officiali Lincolniensi; Rogero de Sevenak, officiali Herefordensi; Roberto de Lascy, juris civilis professore; Jacobo de Moun, et aliis pluribus solemnibus et venerabilibus personis, in multitudine copiosa, infrascriptos errores, quos de novo audierat in sua provincia suscitatos, tanquam hæreses declaravit, et pronunciavit esse damnatos, in scriptis proferens sub hac forma.

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 123.

Hii sunt articuli noviter divulgati, quos inter hæreses damnatas in se vel in suis similibus numerandas esse credimus; et hæreticos esse censemus pertinaces eorum omnium et cujuslibet defensores, tanquam falsarum et novarum opinionum causa inanis gloriæ sectatores.

Primus articulus est, quod corpus Christi mortuum nullam habuit formam substantialem eandem,[1] quam habuit vivum.

Secundus est, quod in morte fuit introducta nova forma substantialis, et nova species, vel natura, quamvis non nova assumptione vel unione Verbo copulata; ex quo sequitur, quod Filius Dei non fuerit tantum homo, sed alterius speciei innominatæ.

Tertius est, quod in illam formam vel naturam de novo introductam per mortem facta fuisset transubstantiatio panis, virtute verborum sacramentalium, scilicet "hoc est corpus meum," si in triduo mortis fuisset facta consecratio.

Quartus articulus est, quod modo, scilicet post resurrectionem Christi, virtute verborum sacramentalium convertitur totus panis in totum corpus Christi vivum, ita quod materia panis convertitur in materiam corporis Christi, et forma panis convertitur in formam corporis: scilicet in id, quod est anima intellectiva, secundum quod forma corporis est, et dat esse corporeum, et hoc virtute verborum sacramentalium.

Quintus est, identitatem fuisse numeralem corporis Christi mortui cum ejus corpore vivo, tantummodo propter identitatem materiæ et dimensionum interminatarum, et habitudinis ipsarum ad animam intellectivam, quæ immortalis est. Esse insuper identitatem numeralem corporis vivi et mortui, ratione existentiæ utriusque in eadem hypostasi Verbi.

Sextus est, corpus cujuscunque sancti vel hominis mortuum, antequam sit per putrefactionem mutatum

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[1] *eandem.*] Wilkins prints *nec eandem.*

in auras vel elementa, non esse idem numero cum corpore ejus vivo, nisi secundum quid; scilicet ratione materiæ communis, sicut sunt unum, quæ invicem transmutantur, ut caro et vermis, et ratione accidentis communis, scilicet quantitatis. Simpliciter autem esse diversum corpus mortuum a vivo, specie et numero.

Septimus est, quod qui vult ista docere, non tenetur in talibus fidem adhibere auctoritati papæ, vel Gregorii vel Augustini et similium, aut cujuscunque magistri; sed tantum auctoritati Bibliæ, et necessariæ rationi.

Octavus est, quod in homine est tantum una forma, scilicet anima rationalis, et nulla alia forma substantialis; ex qua opinione sequi videntur omnes hæreses supradictæ.

Istos igitur octo articulos hæreses esse damnatas in se vel suis similibus et blasphemias firmiter agnoscentes, omnes eorum affirmatores pertinaces publice vel occulte, sub quocunque verborum pallio, excommunicatos esse et anathematizatos denunciamus; et præcipimus, tam in actibus scholasticis, quam in aliis, ab omnibus arctius evitari sub interminatione anathematis, quod poterunt formidare non immerito, ex certa scientia contrarium facientes.

Illos insuper, qui contra inhibitionem prædecessoris nostri, et nostram, ac venerabilis fratris . . Lincolniensis episcopi, de consilio Oxoniensium magistrorum, spretis inhibitionibus nostris, opinionem de unitate formarum defendere præsumpserunt, pronunciamus incidisse in pœnas a prædecessore nostro hujusmodi præsumptoribus impositas, et a nobis postea confirmatas; quas pœnas eisdem imponi volumus indilate; et nihilominus illos, qui super talia fundamenta prædictas hæreses seminarunt, ut dicitur, cum convicti fuerint vel confessi, volumus prout justum fuerit, in forma canonica subjici ecclesiasticæ disciplinæ.

DCLXII.

To the Prioress and Convent of Sheppey.

1286. 11 May. Forbids her allowing secular women to reside in the convent.

R. f. 119. A. f. 70.

Priorissæ et conventui de Scapeya, frater J[ohannes], etc., salutem. Quondam intelleximus vos et domum vestram frequenter fuisse gravatas perendinationibus sæcularium mulierum, nos quantum in Domino possumus affectantes vestræ providere quieti, vobis tenore præsentium injungimus et firmiter inhibemus, ne quamcumque mulierem parvulam vel adultam ad perendinandum recipiatis vobiscum, sine nostra conscientia et licentia speciali, præter illas quæ debent inter vos sub religionis sacræ velamine Domino famulari. Volentes vos scire quod si contrarium quoquomodo præsumpseritis, vos in proxima nostra visitatione futura graviter puniemus. Valete semper in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Wengeham, v. id. Maii, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ viii.

DCLXIII.

To the Dean of Arches.

1286. 10 July. Desires him to cite J. de Ponte, constable of Leeds Castle, if he passes through London.

R. f. 121. A. f. 88 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio . . . decano de Arcubus London', vel ejus vices gerenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Transeuntes nuper per diœcesem nostram visitationis officium exercentes, invenimus inter alia quod Johannes de Ponte, constabularius de Ledes, super quibusdam enormibus est turpiter diffamatus, qui postquam deliquerat, ut dicitur, non sine causa forsan, se transtulit de loco ad locum, cupiens sub impunitatis umbra pertransire quod dicitur nequiter commisisse. Unde volentes animæ suæ in hac parte consulere, dissimulare non intendimus nec debemus, quin ea sollicitudine qua tenemur ipsum etiam nolentem ab errore hujusmodi revocemus. Et cum prædictus Johannes multociens, ut dicitur, per civitatem transeat London', vobis

mandamus firmiter injungentes, quatenus diligentiam adhibere velitis de ipsius per vos transitu explorando. De quo si constare vobis poterit, ipsum citetis vel citari faciatis, quod compareat coram nobis die Lunæ proxima post festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in diœcese nostra vel provincia, super sibi objiciendis responsurus et correctionem peccatorum suorum humiliter ut expedit recepturus. Qualiter autem hoc præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nos ad dictum diem, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, plene certiorare velitis. Datum apud Aldington, vi. id. Julii, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ viii.

Consimiles literæ citationum emanarunt . . . archidiacono London' vel ejus officiali, et officiali Norwycensi, et decano de Sutton' ad dictum diem, mutatis mutandis, sub eadem data, pro eodem Johanne constabulario de Ledes.

DCLXIV.

To the Official of Ely.

1286. 11 July. Sends the official seal. Asks for the names of vacant churches occupied by those who are not their rectors. R. f. 121.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio . . . officiali Elyensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Missum nobis nuper a partibus transmarinis sigillum officialitatis Elyensis, quod dilectus filius magister Johannes de Lascy, juxta quod suo incumbebat fficio, hactenus custodivit, vobis mittimus secreti sigilli nostri munimine sigillatum. Mandantes vobis ut juxta uod a spiritualitatis custodibus in aliis diœcesibus fieri consuevit, ipso utamini auctoritate ipsius officii, tam in repetendis clericis captis quam in aliis, officii vestri debitum exercentes. Præterea quia verisimiliter opinamur, in diœcesi Elyensi seu alibi immediata jurisdictione episcopi plures esse ecclesias de jure vacantes, a non suis rectoribus occupatas; vobis mandamus in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes quate-

nus nomina hujusmodi ecclesiarum nobis infra festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula distincte et aperte rescribere non tardetis, cum nominibus illorum per quas hujusmodi ecclesiæ occupantur, fructus ipsarum ecclesiarum custodiri facientes sub arcto sequestro sicut de ipsis volueritis respondere. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Aldington', v. id. Julii, anno Domini MCCLXXX. sexto, ordinationis nostræ octavo.

DCLXV.

To the Prior and Chapter of Ely.

1286. 20 July. Advice about the election which they have to make.

R. f. 122. A. f. 24.

Frater J[ohannes], tc., ectis filiis priori et capitulo ecclesiæ Elyensi, salutem, etc. Immediati vestri gubernatoris gerentes officium in præsenti, dissimulare, filii carissimi, tranquilla conscientia non valemus, quin in instantis necessitatis articulo, quo de cordium vestrorum sacris altaribus spiraturus, speratur non sulphurei scandali, sed odor sacrificii Deo grati, ligna nostri ministerii caritatis vestræ nutriendis ignibus juxta legis imperium apponamus, ut australibus spiraminibus aromata vestra in fluxum salutiferum deducantur. Duplicis siquidem eminentiæ titulus vos illustrat, sacræ scilicet religionis integritas, qua monasticæ regulæ et informationis nostræ quamquam duræ dicimini servare lineam in rigore; et consona tam nobili fundamento auctoritatis ecclesiasticæ, celsitudo qua habetis Christi candelabro providere, de lucerna fervoris et splendoris radiis populum decorante. Væ enim illis, testimonio Isayæ, qui ponunt tenebras loco lucis,[1] sycamoros[2] pro cedris, asinarium pro pastore, histrionem pro pontifice, furem notorium[3] pro dispensatore, et hominem anomalum[4] pro totius regula sanctitatis. Vestrum igitur, filii carissimi, quinpotius divinum

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[1] Isaiah v. 20.

[2] *sycamoros*] sicomoros, MSS. The reference is to Isaiah ix. 10. "Sycomoros succiderunt, sed cedros immutabimus."

[3] *notorium*] natorum A.

[4] *anomalum*] anormalum, MSS.

in vobis zelantes honorem, vos per Christi vulnera adjuramus, qui pro sponsa sua vitam propriam immolavit, cujus vestræ fidei tradidit nobilem portionem, quatenus in instanti electionis vestræ negotio, solum Deum, cujus vices geritis in hac parte, præ cordis oculis intrepide retinentes, talem curetis eligere in pastorem cui nihil obviet de canonicis institutis, qui in minoribus detritus ecclesiasticis officiis noverit mensuram tritici familiæ dispensare, lepram a lepra distinguere, et de thesauris suis nova et vetera proferre, hiis præcipue temporibus quibus videntur quædam vulpeculæ Christi vineam novis amfractibus demoliri. Et licet ad ea, quæ Dei sunt, vos credamus esse proclives, tamen ista vobis ex abundanti scripsimus, ut clavo Christi clavum Diaboli retundamus, quo quidam fabri sathannici calentes incendio infernali, qui electionum negotiis pluries se immiscent, jam vestram dicuntur innocentiam attemptasse ut in partem carnis et sanguinis vos inclinent; quorum a vobis idcirco flatus pestiferos excludatis, ne diuturna vacatio temporalium et spiritualium jacturam habens comitem infinitam, vos non provisores sed hostes et subversores ecclesiæ faciat reputari, et ecclesiastici abusus officii manifestus fictæ religionis et occulti dedecoris apud æmulos præbeat argumenta. Ex fructibus enim eorum fictos homines prædixit Dominus agnoscendos, et sabbata vacua ab hostibus deridenda. Igitur, filii carissimi, pensate sollicite, quis vobis obesse poterit si Omnipotentis honorem velitis totis viribus æmulari, aut quis vos de Omnipotenti manu poterit eripere, si ipso spreto vel neglecto, in parte minima magis curaveritis quæ sua sunt quærentibus in crucis præjudicium complacere, cujus crucis gratia et virtute dirigat vos ad sui nominis gloriam præcipue Crucifixus. Valete in Christo et Virgine Gloriosa. Datum apud Aldington, die S. Margaretæ, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ viii.

DCLXVI.

To the Abbess of Romsey.

1286. 11 Aug. Orders her to forbid Wm. Shyrlok, a canon of Romsey, entering her abbey. R. f. 122. A. f. 38.

Abbatissæ de Romeseye, Wyntoniensis diœcesis, salutem. Meminimus nos olim quandam præbendam vestræ collationis vacantem apud Romeseye, cujus collatio ad nos erat vice illa devoluta, magistro Willelmo Shyrlok' in forma canonica contulisse. Per hoc tamen intentionis nostræ non erat nec esse debebat ipsum eximere a sui ordinarii potestate. Nunc autem ex occasione collationis nostræ, ut intelleximus, se quasi exemptum æstimat, sic quod suos ordinarios vilipendens in præbenda sua non residet, et huc et illuc discurrit, et vagatur in villa de Romeseye et alibi inhoneste, domo dimissa propria, in suspectis consortiis pernoctando, et etiam contra honorem religionis vestræ, vobis etiam invitis ut asseritur, claustrum vestrum intrat, et ecclesiam ibidem, ut de monialibus vestris taceamus, cum mulieribus sæcularibus in angulis ecclesiæ confabulando, et solitarium colloquium habendo, quod suspicione sinistra non caret, de quo plurimi obloquuntur. Unde non quia solum a malo sed ab omni specie mali abstinendum est, volentes ut hujusmodi scandalum sopiatur, vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatenus vocatis viris honestis dicto Willelmo inhibeatis publice, ne septa monasterii vestri intrare audeat, nec claustrum nec ecclesiam durante suspicione probabili contra ipsum, et ab hujusmodi ingressu ipsum penitus arceatis. Inhibentes etiam monialibus vestris ne cum dicto Willelmo colloquium in domo vestra vel alibi habere præsumant, et si idem Willelmus vobis in hoc obedire contemnat, nobis hoc quamcito poteritis intimetis. Valete. Datum in castro nostro de Saltwode, iii. id. Augusti, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI.

DCLXVII.

To Henry, Official of Winchester.

1286. 11 Aug. Orders him to forbid W. Schyrloke, prebendary of Romsey, from entering the monastery. R. f. 122 b. A. f. 139 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro Henrico officiali Wyntoniensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Meminimus nos olim præbendam quandam vacantem apud Romeseye, cujus collatio ad nos illa vice erat devoluta, magistro Willelmo Schyrlok' jure nostro libere contulisse. Per hoc tamen intentionis nostræ non erat nec esse debebat ipsum eximere a sui ordinarii potestate. Verumtamen ipse, ut intelleximus, ex collatione nostra superbiens, se quasi exemptum æstimat, ex hoc suos ordinarios contemnens, eorum correctiones et monita vilipendit et eis renuit obedire; in præbenda sua non residet sed huc et illuc discurrit temeritate propria et vagatur, et in villa de Romeseye, dimissa domo propria, in suspectis locis alibi moram trahit et vitam ducit plurimum inhonestam, et ut ab aliquibus probabiliter asseritur dissolutam, claustrum et monasterium monialium de Romeseye intrat, moniales turbat ne in claustro et monasterio lectioni et orationi vacare possint, ut religionis congruit honestati; cum sæcularibus etiam mulieribus, ut de monialibus taceamus, in angulis ecclesiæ suspectum habet colloquium, ex quo scandalum oritur; et abbatissam et alias bonas moniales dicti loci plurimum scandalizat, de quo plurimi obloquuntur. Unde quia non solum a malo, sed ab omni specie mali abstinendum est, cupientes ut hujusmodi scandalum sopiatur et periculis occurratur, vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatenus ad dictum locum personaliter accedentes dicto Willelmo inhibeatis, ne septa monasterii de Romeseye, claustrum vel ecclesiam intret, nec cum monialibus aut sæcularibus mulieribus colloquium ibidem habere præsumat, et ab ingressu hujusmodi penitus arceatis eundem, et ad faciendam residentiam in sua præbenda ipsum compellatis; inquirentes

nichilominus de vita et moribus ipsius, et præcipue si vivit publice incontinenter, ut plurimi asseverant. Et nobis quamcito poteritis, quid super hoc inveneritis sub pœna canonica rescribatis, nec sibi obtentu nostri in aliquo deferatis. Valete. Datum in castro nostro de Saltwode, iii. id. Augusti, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ octavo.

DCLXVIII.

To the Dean of South Malling.

1286. 13 Aug. Desires him to send information about the assault on the chaplain of Lindfield. R. f. 122 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio decano Suthmallyng' vel ejus vices gerenti salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quoniam intelleximus quod quidam iniquitatis filii, quorum nomina ignoramus, nuper dilectum filium Reginaldum capellanum de Lyndefeld', nostræ immediatæ jurisdictionis, hostiliter invadentes, ipsum crudeliter sauciarunt, ita quod de ejus vita et sanitate penitus desperatur, ex quo non est dubium malefactores hujusmodi in excommunicationis sententiam damnabiliter incidisse; vobis in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus de nominibus malefactorum prædictorum, et ubi forisfactum ipsum perpetratum fuerit, et quomodo quisque ad hoc causam et occasionem præstiterit, ac aliis circumstantiis omnibus prædictam injuriam contingentibus diligenter et sollicite inquiratis. Certificantes nos distincte et aperte per singula de hiis quæ in præmissis inveneritis citra festum Nativitatis Beatæ Virginis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Saltwode, id. Augusti, anno Domini MCCLXXX. sexto, ordinationis nostræ viii.

Consimilis litera directa fuit Archidiacono Lewensi, pro eodem capellano, ejusdem tenoris et datæ.

DCLXIX.

To the Abbot of Mont S. Eloy.

1286. 24 Sept. Asks him to endeavour to stop certain processes against Peckham threatened by Almaric de Montfort. R. f. 122 b. A. f. 88 b.

Venerandæ religionis patri reverendo suo quondam conscholari, et semper, si placet, amico, domino Stephano Dei gratia abbati insignis collegii Montis Sancti Eligii,[1] frater J[ohannes], etc. salutem et paratam ejus beneplacitis voluntatem. Affectum quem ad nos dudum caritas vestra conceperat, vos tenuisse memoriter nobis certis constat indiciis, quia nos in nostris pluries vestri gratia honorastis. Ex quo ad vos fiduciam certam concepimus, tanquam speciale refugium recurrendi, rogantes ut in præsentis necessitatis articulo nobis prout concesserit Altissimus assistatis. Dominus siquidem A[lmaricus] de Monteforti, quem a carcere liberavimus, multorum nobis et magnorum propter hoc inimicitias provocantes, nobis insuper literas scripsit comminatorias, improbe denuncians quod nisi suorum judicum exsequeremur mandata, ipsi contra nos acriter procederent, et in brevi. Nos autem suorum judicum nullam habemus notitiam, nisi forte domini . . Attrabatensis[2] et decani loci ejusdem, quorum pro ejus negotiis dudum recepta mandata, executioni debitæ demandantes, eos super hoc certificavimus, non sine grandi offensa quorundam Angliæ magnatum.[3] Nec unquam mandatum aliquod recepimus eorundem, cui non paruerimus, juxta quod juris exigentia requirebat. Unde sufficienter tuti sumus, ne in aliquo valeant lædere statum nostrum aut famam, juris tramite inoffenso. Verum tamen, quia inopportunitas quorundam plerumque turbat oculos judicum, ut de facto attemptent quæ in tranquillitate animi nullatenus attemptarent; nos

[1] Stephen de Firomonte, or du Fermont, abbot from 1276 to 1291. (Gallia Christiana, iii. 429.)

[2] Guillemus de Isiaco, bishop of Arras from 1283 to 1293. (Gallia Christiana, iii. 333.)

[3] *magnatum*] magnatorum, MSS.

scientes improbitatem dicti domini Almarici, qui adhuc squaleret in carcere, nisi nostra eum duntaxat vigilantia liberasset, qui utinam non plus ad malitiam quam ad præstiti beneficii memoriam vigilaret, affectu quo possumus vos rogamus, quatenus illorum judicum in nos benevolentiam inclinantes, eos rogare velitis ut nos et statum nostrum et officium, a quibus multorum fidelium dependet tranquillitas, dicti domini A[lmarici] privatis commodis præponentes, nullos velint in nostri præjudicium derivare processus, qui ex fonte explorati judicii non procedant. Et insuper executiones onerosas, si quas voluerint in Anglia demandare, eas amore Dei et Sancti Thomæ Martyris gloriosi, humeris ingerant alienis, minus pastorali sarcina oneratis, qui ut vobis secretius fateamur, pro justitia agonizantes continue sumus assidui in procinctu in partes alias transeundi. Siquid autem pro vobis aut vestris fortunæ flatibus aliquid vobis placeat quod per nos valeat expediri, invenietis omni tempore nos paratos. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum viii. kal. Octobris, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI.

DCLXX.

To the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury.

1286. 2 Oct. Accepts the person whom they have elected as official. R. f. 123. A. f. 24 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiis decano et capitulo Sarisburiensibus salutem etc. Literis vestris nuper receptis et inspectis de officiali acceptando et constituendo in diœcese Sarisburiensi sede Sarisburiensi jam vacante, nos, paci et petitioni vestræ condescendere cupientes in quantum possumus secundum Deum, primum in vestra litera nominatum cujus industriam alias in casu consimili experti sumus acceptamus, volentes ut ad nos ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diœcese vel provincia Cantuariensi accedat, cum celeritate quanta decet, sacramentum præsti-

turus, in hac parte debitum ac etiam consuetum. Datum apud Tenham, vi. non. Octobris, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ viii.

DCLXXI.

To his Official at Salisbury.

Desires him to warn an apostate monk of Reading to return.[1] Royal MS. 12 D. xi. f. 72 b. B. M.

Frater J. permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilecto filio officiali Sar', sede vacante, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Non sine cordis amaritudine nuper intelleximus quod frater W. filius O. de B. de Leycestr' xxx. annis elapsis et amplius in monasterio de Radyng', Sar' diœcesis habitum sumens monachalem, se et sua Deo dedicavit et secundum regulam beati Benedicti in eodem monasterio se suo perpetuo Deo serviturum solemniter profitens mundo renunciavit, professionem suam tanquam monachus Deo vivens sed mundo mortuus in eodem monasterio diu religiose tenens et observans, quæ omnia in Sarr' diœcese publica sunt et notoria et manifesta. Sed idem monachus instinctu diabolico ductus, habitu monachali relicto, ad sæculum se divertens in habitu sæculari non sine apostasya, vagare et litibus ac negotiis sæcularibus se immiscere in dicti monasterii Rading' et ordinis scandalum ac aliorum perniciosum exemplum non veretur. Quocirca discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus quatenus in ecclesiis cathedralibus et parochialibus Sar', necnon et in conventuali et parochialibus ecclesiis Radyng' et locis aliis in quibus expedire videritis, dictum apostatam per vos vel per alios moneatis et efficaciter inducatis,

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[1] This document is not dated. The see of Salisbury was vacant from 24 April to 23 May 1284, from 25 Sept. 1286 to 2 Jan. 1287, and from 11 Feb. to 10 May 1288.

ut reassumpto habitu ad monasterium suum sine mora rediens, juxta professionem suam et regulam Sancti Benedicti Deo inibi servire studeat imperpetuum, quod si monitus præmissa detrectaverit, ipsum ad hoc per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias personam de die in diem locis prædictis fulminandas compellatis. Qualiter autem hujusmodi mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis cum super hoc fueritis requisiti, constare faciatis, per vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, etc.

DCLXXII.

To the King's Justices and Vicechancellor.

1286. 7 Nov. In favour of Richard de Langeford, rector of Talaton, and others who have appealed against the bishop of Exeter. Royal Letter 1859, R. O.

Prudentibus viris et discretis illustris regis Angliæ justiciariis, ac domino Willelmo de Hameldon', domini regis vicecancellario, frater Johannes permissione Divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, salutem et gratiam Salvatoris. Insinuante nobis magistro Ricardo de Langeford, rectore ecclesiæ de Taleton', Exoniensis diœcesis, nuper intelleximus quod venerabilis frater P. Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus in ipsum Ricardum ac dominos Rogerum de Langeford, Humfredum de Bello Campo, Simonem de Monte Acuto, Gervasium de Raleg' milites, magistrum Robertum le Bole, Arnaldum de Mony rectorem ecclesiæ de Merhete, Johannem de Morton capellanum, dominam Margeriam uxorem domini Hugonis Peverel, Thomam Gybbecrake, Walterum Chamberleyn, Johannem Trescut, Robertum Payn, Robertum Tyrel, Johannem de la Pole, Salomon Basset, Robertus Basset, Willelmus du Boys de Halleton, Radulphum de Lynham, Baldewynum de Polgrim, Johannem de Polgrim, Johannem Bissop de Esse, Ricardum Bissop, Johannem Norman, Ricardum Bloyou, Willelmum de Wynton', Willelmum Coleford, Walte-

rum le Palmer, Gilbertum Croft, Johannem Crop, Henricum Everard de Columpton, Rogerum de la Forde, Walterum le Long, Willelmum de la Forde, Adam de Porta, Adam Hend, Johannem Hend, Radulphum Hend, Johannem le Charetter de Taleton, Gilbertum Coqum domini Hugonis Peverel, Gilbertum Borham, Matthæum clericum de Halberton, Ricardum le Mintel, Henricum le Porter, Serlocum (?) de Lanladrim, Walterum Owe, Wacemannum de Sanford, Henricum Fret, Johannem de Wellinton', Ricardum Bastard Johannem de Purchadyn, Willelmum de Taleford, Johannem Lantrum, Thomam Russel, et alios quamplures eidem Ricardo in sui juris defensione et justitia assistentes, non confessos non monitos nec per contumaciam absentes, juris ordine non observato de facto, quamquam de jure non possit, excommunicationis majoris sententiam promulgavit seu fecit temere promulgari. Propter quod ad sedem apostolicam et pro tuitione sedem Cantuariensem sæpedictus Ricardus nomine suo et sibi assistentium legitime, ut asserit, appellavit. Unde præfato episcopo prout justum fuerat per curiam nostram Cantuariensem fuit inhibitum ne pendente hujusmodi appellationis tuitorio negotio in curia Cantuariensi in dicti Ricardi et sibi adhærentium præjudicium aliquid attemptaret seu procuraret fieri contra ipsos. Idem tamen episcopus, ut asserit, non obstante quod causa super excommunicatione præfata pendet in dicta curia nostra, appellationibus et inhibitionibus curiæ nostræ Cantuariensis minus reverenter vilipensis, literas captionis in curia domini Regis ad dicti Ricardi et sibi assistentium corpora capienda dicitur temere procurasse; licet illa excommunicationis sententia ob quam illos capi desiderat, in nostra curia judicialiter ventiletur inter ipsum episcopum et rectorem sibique adhærentes antedictos. Cum igitur hujusmodi [c]aptio procedere non debeat, hujusmodi appellationis causa in nos-

tra pendente curia indecisa, in sedis apostolicæ et curiæ nostræ contemptum, super quo ipsum episcopum responsurum jam fecimus coram vobis ad judicium evocari, vestram rogamus discretionem quatenus ob sanctæ Romanæ et Cantuariensis ecclesiarum reverentiam non permittatis hujusmodi procedere captionem, ne idem rector et ceteri sibi adhærentes prænominati per captionem hujusmodi a prosecutione juris sui contra eundem episcopum ipsæ appellationis pendente negotio indiscusso contra jus com[mune] excludantur; revocantes si placet quicquid in dictarum sedium et nostræ jurisdictionis præjudicium ad dicti episcopi importunitatem seu instantiam contra dictum rectorem et sibi adhærentes prænominatos de mandato regis in hac parte fuerit demandatum. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Mortelak', vii. idus Novembris, anno Domini MCCLXXX. sexto, ordinationis nostræ octavo.

DCLXXIII.

To William de Hamelton.

1286. 11 Nov. Refuses to insert unusual words in his request for a *litera captionis.* R. f. 124 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto in Christo filio, etc., domino Willelmo de Hamelton', domini regis Angliæ clerico, salutem. Nuper pro captione domini Radulfi Bloyou, Michaelis Bloyou et Walteri de Lyw clerici, quos dudum nos Exoniensem diœcesem visitantes, pro suis contumaciis et manifestis offensis majoris excommunicationis sententia innodavimus, in qua per biennium pertinaciter perstiterunt, in certa forma per consilium regium acceptata et hactenus usitata, regiæ scripsimus majestati. Pro quibus quidem literis nostris ea quæ ad curiam regiam in hac parte pertinent, exequi ut dicitur recusatis, nisi quædam nova verba, scilicet "nostræ jurisdictionis" in literis hujusmodi inserantur, quæ hactenus in talibus literis nostris non consueverunt apponi. Super quo, si est

ita, non modicum admiramur, præsertim cum non sit verisimile quod nos pro aliquo capiendo, nisi de nostra jurisdictione existeret, scriberemus. Quocirca vos requirimus et rogamus quatenus formam litterarum in casu hujusmodi curiæ regiæ per nos missam, in ipsa curia approbatam, et hactenus usitatam, admittere velitis, et quod ad curiam regiam pertinet, ut moris est, ulterius exequi in præmissis, quia sub novitate verborum latere posset processu temporis aliquid captiosum. Valete. Datum apud Otteford, iii. idus Novembris, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo sexto.

DCLXXIV.

To Geoffrey de Aspal.

1286. 13 Dec. Requests him to remonstrate with the queen for acquiring lands which Jews have extorted by usury from Christians; and blames him for being a pluralist. R. f. 124 b. A. f. 24 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio magistro Galfrido de Aspal, suo quondam conscholari, salutem, etc. Per regnum Angliæ clamor validus invalescit et scandalum inde plurimum generatur, super eo quod dicitur dominam reginam Angliæ illustrem, cui assistitis, plura maneria nobilium, terras et possessiones alias occupare, et in suum peculium reduxisse, quæ Judæi mediante voragine usurarum patrocinante curia regia a Christicolis extorserunt; et adhuc de die in diem dicitur prædicta domina nancisci prædia et possessiones alias per hunc modum; quibusdam etiam clericis de sorte Diaboli et non Christi, sibi, ut dicitur quod non credimus, ministrantibus in hac parte; et de hoc est in omni latere Angliæ publica vox et fama. Quia igitur lucrum tale est illicitum et damnatum, vos rogamus et vobis sicut clerico nostro firmiter et districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus cum opportunitatem videritis, velitis ex parte nostra prædictæ dominæ nostræ humiliter supplicare, ut a prædictis suos jubeat penitus abstinere, et ablata restituat in hac forma, vel saltem satisfaciat Christicolis, usuraria[1] nequitia spoli-

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[1] *usuraria*] usararia, R.

atis. Alioquin a suis nequit absolvi peccatis nec pœnitentiam agere salutarem, etiam si angelus sibi contrarium asseveret. Ad hæc, carissime, ratione vobis multiplici obligati, vos rogamus affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus si dispensationem habetis tenendi tot beneficia quot tenetis, ejus nobis copiam destinetis, qui optamus, teste Altissimo, ut omnis vobis honor accrescat, qui vestræ saluti animæ non repugnet. Nec credimus vos sana conscientia tot beneficia obtinere, quia ut nobis dicitur nihil boni facitis in eisdem. Et nihilominus cum vobis offeruntur, recipitis alias incessanter, unde et nuper ad præsentationem domini Petri de Huntyngfeud, dicimini recepisse unam pinguem ecclesiam sui juris, qui quali vos intentione præsentaverit, per hoc patet quod paulo ante a diversis regis obsequiis extitit propulsatus. Super hiis igitur, carissime, velitis nos consolari et nostram conscientiam serenare, qui sicut parati sumus vos[1] pro viribus honorare, sic econtra ulterius dissimulare non possumus quin vestræ immo et nostræ saluti et conscientiæ prout nostro incumbit officio consulamus. Valete. Datum apud Cherryng', id. Decembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ viii.

DCLXXV.

To Edward I.

Begs licence to plead for the convent of Legh.[2]

R. f. 45 b.
A. f. 12.

Excellentissimo, etc., frater Johannes, etc., salutem, etc. Pro priore et conventu suo de Legh', Exoniensis diœcesis, regalis ut dicitur patronatus, et specialiter pro fratre Johanne canonico ejusdem loci, exhibitore

[1] *vos*] nos, R.

[2] Legh or Canonleigh, Devonshire, an Austin Priory, which had recently been converted into a nunnery by the countess of Gloucester. (Dugdale's Monasticon, vi. 333.)

præsentium, supplicamus vobis ingenitæ pietati, quatenus ipsis omnibus et singulis concedere dignemini protectionis regiæ tutamentum, ut tam in curia dominationis vestræ quam in ecclesiastica libere prosequi valeant ecclesiæ suæ jura. Tantum igitur dignetur in hac parte facere regia majestas, ut malitia hominum quæ sacros canones offendere non veretur, data nobis potestate cœlitus arceatur. Valeat et vigeat regia celsitudo quamdiu cœli sidera rotabuntur.

DCLXXVI.

To William de Hamelton.

1287. 24 Jan. Asks him to grant a writ of novel disseisin to the prior of La Leghe. R. f. 125.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione Divina sacerdos Cantuariensis, dilecto filio sibique in Christo carissimo domino Willelmo de Hamelton' salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia misericordissimum esse dinoscitur et caritatis operibus convenire, oppressos indebite pietatis intuitu relevare, ac constat nobis liquido . . priorem de la Leghe et canonicos suos, Exoniensis diœcesis, per falsam suggestionem et injuste a loco in quo professi fuerant fuisse amotos; dilectionem vestram de qua confidimus affectuose rogamus quatenus prædicto . . priori de la Leghe, quem jam a carcere episcopi cum maxima difficultate fecimus eripi, breve regium de nova velitis concedere dissaisina, juxta quod regni consuetudo requirit, et ipsum etiam cum rebus et personis sibi adhærentibus sub protectione regia suscipere et fovere, dum saltem prosequitur causam suam, quia de malicia episcopi, quæ ipsum a prosecutione juris sui hactenus impedivit, verisimiliter est timendum. Nec ipse etiam sine protectione hujusmodi quicquam audet, contra ipsum episcopum intentare. Et multo honestius est servos Dei juxta intentionem fundatoris ad monasterium suum reducere, quam mulierculas inibi non sine suspicione et scandalo

et ipsorum sacerdotum præjudicio confovere. Valete. Datum apud Slyndon', ix. kal. Februarii.

DCLXXVII.

To the Dean of Bangor and others.

1287. 15 Feb. Advice as to a matrimonial case. R. f. 123.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiis magistris K[yndelw][1] decano Bangorensi, K[yndelw][1] ejusdem loci archidiacono, et M[adoco][1] archidiacono de Angleseya, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Petitio vestra nuper nobis exhibita continebat, quod cum quidam nobilis vir Tudyr Vychan, coram vobis auctoritate et ex commissione venerabilis fratris nostri domini Bangorensis episcopi, quandam mulierem Madroun nomine, uxorem cujusdam David, petierit sibi in forma juris tanquam uxorem suam legitimam restitui, offerens se probaturum quod fuerat in possessione dictæ mulieris Madroun, et quod per vim spoliatus fuerat possessione ejusdem, legitimo processu habito in hujusmodi negotio, lite videlicet contestata, juramento de veritate dicenda habito, testibusque productis et juris ordine in omnibus observato; tandem notorium vobis extitit, ut dicitis, quod dicti Tudyr Vychan et Madroun se in quarto consanguinitatis gradu patriæ testimonio attingebant. Vos tamen possessorio inhærentes, scripsistis quod jura sunt in evidenti pro dicto Tudyr Vychan, conscientia tamen vestra pro consanguinitate præfata in contrarium inclinante. Consultationi igitur vestræ taliter respondemus, quod in hujusmodi negotio si solum petitorio esset actum, prius esset de exceptione consanguinitatis cognoscendum, quam ad restitutionem procedendum. Sed quia et possessorio actum est ut scribitis, hic si dictus Tudyr duo probavit, possessionem scilicet et præcontractum matrimonii, licet consanguinitas in casu dispensabili opponatur, prius est restitutio facienda, et postea de consanguinitate cognoscendum, quæ si probata

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[1] *See* Le Neve's Fasti, i. pp. 110, 112, 114.

fuerit est separatio facienda. Sed quia vestra littera innuit quod solummodo possessionem probavit, non contractum matrimonii, in hoc casu non videtur danda restitutio, sed de exceptione cognoscendum est prius, maxime si probationes sint in promptu. Attendentes quod in istis possessoriis ubi restitutio mulieris vel viri petitur, aliud quam in aliis possessoriis de rebus corporalibus et temporalibus observatur. Valete. Datum apud Suthmallyng', xv. kal. Martii, anno Domini MCCLXXX. sexto, ordinationis nostræ nono.

DCLXXVIII.

To the Subprior of St. Martin's, Dover.

1287. 16 Feb. Wishes to see him concerning the rights of the priory and of Canterbury. R. f. 125.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio fratri R. suppriori Beati Martini, Dovor', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Redeunte nuper ad nos nuncio nostro, de quo scribitis, satis gratos rumores de negotiis vestram ecclesiam contingentibus recepimus per literam domini regis, videlicet, ut toto regis consilio ad invicem congregato examinaretur processus, et si nullum aliud obstaculum inveniatur, quam quod quidam puer per vicecomitem Kanciæ in domo vestra nomine regis ratione custodiæ extitit collocatus, nos jure nobis competenti in hac parte libere gaudeamus. Sed veniens postmodum ex adverso frater Walterus de Chillynden' ecclesiæ vestræ monachus ad ipsius regis præsentiam, suggessit eidem quod licet a tempore bonæ memoriæ Teobaldi prædecessoris nostri, ecclesia Cantuariensis in possessione pacifica extiterit quod nullus præficiatur in priorem ecclesiæ Dovor' nisi de ecclesia Cantuariensi; nec aliquis monachorum Dovor' alibi profiteatur quam in eadem Cantuariensi ecclesia; quodque nullus monachorum Dovor' præsentetur ad ordines, nisi per priorem et capitulum ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ; nos tamen, ut retulit, prætextu cujusdam processus inter nos et

ipsum regem super advocatione domus vestræ habiti dictos priorem et capitulum præfata possessione vobis conniventibus et consentientibus spoliare molimur, prout litera regia quam secundum suggestionem suam sibi concedi obtinuit plenius continetur. Unde circa literam domino comiti Cornubiæ directam pro nobis, datus est nobis dies ad mensem Paschæ London', quando consilium regium erit simul, et nos oportebit ibidem præsentialiter interesse. Sed Dominica Passionis Domini proximo ventura volente Domino consecraturi sumus dominum Hymlacensem electum in ecclesia nostra prædicta, ubi ad nos accedere poteritis, et plenius super hiis tractare nobiscum, qui in nullo ipsi ecclesiæ præjudicare volumus, sed et quantum ad vos plene uti intendimus jure nostro. Valete. Datum apud Suthmallyng, xiiii. kal. Martii.

DCLXXIX.

To the Justices of the Forest, Northamptonshire.

1287. 2 March. Complains of their proceeding against him for hunting on his progress. R. f. 126. A. f. 38 b.

Dominis Rogero dicto Extraneo et sociis suis justiciariis itinerantibus ad placita forestæ in comitatu Norhampton', salutem, etc. Literas vestras nuper recepimus familiares plurimum et extraneas, ut prima facie apparebat. Familiares quidem, quia multum curialiter scripsistis nobis favorabiliter et benigne, de quo vobis ad quantas possumus gratiarum assurgimus actiones. Extraneas insuper supra modum, quia usque ad hæc tempora fuit retroactis sæculis inauditum, totius Angliæ primatem pro venationum solatiis, quæ in visitationis progressu vel alias per provinciam incedendo, solet quærere ab antiquo hactenus inoffense, coram justiciariis vel quibuscumque judicibus evocari. Inter igitur familiare et extraneum sollicite vos rogamus, affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus ob reverentiam sanctæ Cantuariensis ecclesiæ et suorum

etiam patronorum, velitis in hac parte nobis parcere, sicut alii qui ante vos fuerunt, nostris prædecessoribus in casibus consimilibus pepercerunt; quamquam plura sint vobis falsa suggesta quæ in vestris literis continentur. Die autem nobis præfixa faciemus quod per Dei gratiam fuerit faciendum. Interim vero credimus quod vobis expediat de hujusmodi vexationis exordio salubriter confiteri, et diligenter ad animum revocare quia forsitan Christus ipse in sacerdotis sui gravamine reputat se gravari. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Suthmallyng, vi. non. Martii, anno Donimi MCCLXXXVI., ordinationis nostræ ix.

DCLXXX.

To Ralph, Archdeacon of Ely.

1287. 28 March. Orders him to investigate alleged slanders of Peckham and others by a religious person at Cambridge. R. f. 126. A. f. 140.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro Radulpho, archidiacono Elyensi,[1] sacræ theologiæ doctori, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Curam habere de bono nomine tenentur illi, qui ceteris in regimine præponuntur, ne dum fama ipsorum per linguas detractorias denigratur, lux doctrinæ quæ per lucem vitæ potissime roboratur, a simplicibus contemnatur. Hinc est quod, quia nuper intelleximus et insinuatione clamosa perpendimus, quod quidam religiosus nuper in municipio Cantebrigiæ die scilicet Sancti Gregorii proximo præterito, in prælatos et in nostram personam præcipue suam linguam temere exacuit, contumeliosis sermonibus nostram innocentiam dehonestans, non veritus excommunicationis sententiam in quam incidit ipso facto latam in concilio Oxoniensi contra hujusmodi detractores. Vobis mandamus et in virtute obedientiæ districte præcipimus quatenus ad locum ipsum personaliter accedentes, ea diligentia qua poteritis inquiratis per magistros et

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[1] Ralph de Walpole, elected bishop of Norwich, 11 Nov. 1288.

scholares et alios per quos veritas sciri poterit, quis ille religiosus fuerit, et quæ in nostri præjudicium verba iniqua protulerit, et aliorum etiam prælatorum. Et vos in hac parte taliter habeatis ne per alium inquirere pro vestra negligentia compellamur, nec vos etiam favendo impio in eandem cum ipso dampnationis sententiam incidatis. Quid autem feceritis et quid inveneritis circa ista, nobis citra festum Sancti Marci Evangelistæ fideliter rescribatis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Wengham, v. kal. Aprilis, anno Domini MCC. LXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

DCLXXXI.

To the Bishop of Lincoln.

1287. 28 March. Asks him to send the proceedings of a previous archbishop concerning certain articles of false science at Oxford.[1]

R. f. 126. A. f. 25.

Venerabili fratri sibique in Christo carissimo, domino . . . Dei gratia episcopo Lincolniensi frater J[ohannes], etc. Gressus illi seu processus ecclesiæ divinitus commendantur,[2] qui exemplis patrum præcedentium quasi calceis adornantur. Ad hoc dirigentes oculum, dudum vobis scripsimus ut quod nos negligenter omisimus Oxoniam visitantes, vos vestra diligentia suppleretis; prævia scilicet diligentia inquisitionis, certificantes nos de quibusdam sanctæ memoriæ decessoris[3] nostri processibus circa reprobationem quorundam articulorum falsi nominis scientiæ in Oxoniæ studio repertorum, ipso ibi metropolitice visitante. Et quia hoc per vos nondum esse factum querimur, urgentia mandati cogimur, cujus copiam vobis mittimus præsentibus interclusam, vobis scribere

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 127.

[2] *commendantur*] commendatur, R.

[3] Kilwardby condemned certain errors in grammar, logic and natural philosophy at Oxford in 1276. (Wood's History of the University of Oxford, i. 305.)

iterato ut excluso dilationis tædio, inquiratis vel inquiri faciatis cum omni diligentia qua potestis, de sententiis et processibus habitis per decessorem nostrum bonæ memoriæ circa ista. Quid autem inde feceritis, et quid inveneritis, nobis rescribatis ad ultimum in congregatione nostra London' proxime secutura, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Wengham, v. kal. Aprilis, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

DCLXXXII.

To the Bishop of Worcester.

1287. 7 May. Desires him to prevent the archbishop of York from carrying his cross erect through his diocese.[1]

Frater J[ohannes], permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri domino Wigorniensi episcopo, vel ejus officiali, salutem, et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Cum archiepiscopi Eboracenses crucem suam in provincia Cantuariensi bajulantes per sanctissimos patres Cantuarienses archiepiscopos, prædecessores nostros, notorie consueverunt impediri per interdicti sententias, et alios modos legitimos, ne crucem suam portare possint in præjudicium ecclesiæ Cantuariensis per provinciam supradictam; at intelleximus dominum archiepiscopum Eboracensem per diœcesem Wigorniensem cum cruce erecta, in brevi transiturum; volentes dictorum nostrorum prædecessorum vestigiis inhærere, et libertates ecclesiæ nostræ modis omnibus, quibus possimus, viriliter defendere, vobis in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, qua sedi Cantuariensi tenemini, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus dictum archiepiscopum moneatis, et efficaciter inducatis, ne crucem suam erectam per vestram diœcesem por-

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[2] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 128, from the register of the bishop of Worcester.

tari faciat quoquo modo; et loca diœcesis vestræ, in quibus moratur, dum ibi fuerit, vel per quæ transitum fecerit cum cruce erecta, ecclesiastico supponatis interdicto. Inhibentes nihilominus omnibus Christi fidelibus vestræ jurisdictioni subditis universis, per quos transitum fecerit, ne quis eorum, quamdiu erectam crucem habuerit, ad ejus benedictionem se inclinet quoquo modo, seu eidem reverentiam exhibeat aliqualem; significantes nobis per vestras patentes literas harum continentes seriem, sub qua forma præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi. Quod si non ambo his exequendis interesse potueritis, unus vestrum ea nihilominus viriliter exequatur. Datum apud Mortlack, non. Maii, anno Dom. MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

DCLXXXIII.

To the Archdeacon of Derby.

1287. 20 May. Forbids the Carmelite Friars from settling at Coventry within the prescribed distance of the Minors. R. f. 126 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro E. archidiacono Derbeye, coadjutori venerabilis fratris nostri domini . . Coventr' et Lich' episcopi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sanctæ memoriæ papa Clemens statuit tranquillitati providens religiosorum pauperum, ne unius religionis cujuscunque fratres locum eligerent a quo, usque ad locum aliorum prius in civitate vel burgo commorantium, non esset distantia centum quadraginta cannarum per aream mensurandarum, inter oratoria utrorumque, sicut ex privilegiis Fratrum Prædicatorum et Minorum dudum fuit per Angliam publicatum.[1] Quia igitur intelleximus quod fratres qui dicuntur "de Carmelo," Coventr', intra prædictum distantiæ spatium locum sibi

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[1] The distance was originally 300 *cannæ*, but was reduced by a bull of Clement IV. to 140. Wadding, Annales Minorum, vol. ii. Reg. Pont. p. 112, ed. 1628.

de novo elegerunt in Fratrum Minorum ibidem ab antiquo existentium præjudicium non modicum et gravamen; cum ad nos etiam pertineat ipsorum Fratrum Minorum privilegia conservare, vobis mandamus et in virtute obedientiæ præcipimus sicut canonicam effugere volueritis ultionem, ut si sit notorium ita esse, moneatis dictos fratres Carmelinos ut ipsi ab hac temeritate desistant, locum illum penitus dimittendo, et nisi ter in triduo moniti mandatis nostris pareant in hac parte, extunc contra ipsos per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententiam procedatis. Et quid inde feceritis, nobis infra octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis rescribatis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Mortelak', xiii. kal. Junii, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ ix.

DCLXXXIV.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

1287. 27 June. Orders him to sequestrate the benefices of Tonge and Old Romney, on account of the rector's plurality. R. f. 126 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio archidiacono suo Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nos in ultima visitatione nostra in decanatibus de Sidingeburn' et de Lymene, nostræ diœcesis, invenerimus rectorem de Thonge et de Veteri Romenal plura beneficia ecclesiastica curam animarum habentia possidere, super qua pluralitate ad docendum legitime de dispensatione sedis apostolicæ, si quam haberet, cujus prætextu hujusmodi pluralitatem beneficiorum posset licite retinere, coram nobis certis die et loco vocatus ipse vel aliquis alius nomine suo coram nobis minime comparere curavit. Invenerimus etiam in eisdem ecclesiis plures defectus ad supplementum et reparationem ejusdem rectoris spectantes, quos idem rector hactenus non supplevit, quamquam ad hoc auctoritate nostra legitime congruis loco et tempore

monitus fuerit diligenter; vobis mandamus quatenus ad dictas ecclesias de Tonge et de Veteri Romenal per vos vel alium sine moræ dispendio accedentes, fructus earundem ecclesiarum quoscunque nomine nostro occasione præmissorum sequestretis seu faciatis sequestrari, ipsos, sicut inde respondere velitis, sub salvo sequestro custodiri facientes, donec vobis aliud nostris dederimus literis in mandatis. Qualiter autem hoc nostrum mandatum executi fueritis, nos distincte et aperte certificare curetis. Datum apud Mortelak', v. kal. Julii, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

DCLXXXV.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

1287. 8 July. Sends articles to be published directed against those who take the revenue of churches without attending to the cure of souls.[1] R. f. 127 b. A. f. 87.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio archidiacono Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quamvis cura animarum nihil sit preciosius in hoc mundo, cum pro hac sola Christus in cruce obtulerit semetipsum, nihil tamen hiis temporibus apud multos vilius reputatur. Sunt quidem innumeri qui fructus ecclesiarum audacter rapiunt, metunt carnalia ubi numquam spiritualia, sed potius scandala seminarunt. Quo sacrilegio quia nullum est damnabilius coram Deo, ei ut possumus remedium apponentes, vobis in virtute obedientiæ districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus articulos illos quos vobis mittimus literis præsentibus interclusos, in omnibus ecclesiis vestræ jurisdictioni subjectis in nostra Cantuariensi diœcese ad perpetuam rei memoriam faciatis scribi lucide et aperte in missali vel alio libro solemni, et publice recitari, ut frequenter occurrant memoriæ ministrorum, et visitantibus ostendantur. Inhibentes sub pœna excommunicationis, in quam incidere volumus omnes con-

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 128.

trarium facientes, ne quis articulos ipsos in toto vel in parte sic scriptos audeat abolere. Quid autem circa hoc feceritis, nobis ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diœcese vel provincia, rescribatis per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, citra festum Assumptionis Virginis Gloriosæ. Datum apud Otteford viii. id. Julii, anno Domini MDCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

Consimiles literæ emanarunt Commissario Cantuariensi et singulis decanis exemptæ jurisdictionis.

DCLXXXVI.

To the Clergy of the diocese of Canterbury.

Articuli observandi per rectores et vicarios Cantuariensis diœcesis et jurisdictionis.

Articles sent with the preceding letter. R. f. 127 b.

Nos frater J[ohannes], permissione divina, Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, universis rectoribus, vicariis, et quibuscunque curam animarum habentibus, sive in nostra diœcese, sive in locis aliis nostræ immediatæ jurisdictioni subjectis, præcipimus articulos inferius annotatos in virtute obedientiæ, et sub debito præstiti juramenti inviolabiliter observare.

Primo, quod faciant ecclesiastica officia cum reverentia et decentia, qua poterunt, per honestos ministros opportunis temporibus continue celebrari.

Secundo, quod provideant fideliter gregi sibi commisso, in spiritualibus; utpote in prædicatione verbi Dei et sacramentis ecclesiæ dispensandis, et specialiter in confessionibus audiendis; et ubi ipsi non sufficiunt ad hoc, vocent in sui adjutorium viros sanctos ad hoc specialiter deputatos.

Tertio, quod pauperibus et egenis præcipue curæ suæ in corporalibus necessitatibus provideant, juxta quod sufficiunt ecclesiæ facultates; saltem de hiis quæ supererunt suis necessitatibus, et ministrorum suorum,

et hospitalitatem etiam servent, prout dictant canonicæ sanctiones.

Quarto, quod nullum ineant contractum clam vel palam cum quacunque literata vel illiterata persona in quacunque curia, qui possit in temporalibus vel spiritualibus parare præjudicium successoribus eorundem, quominus prosequi valeant ecclesiæ suæ jura.

Quinto, quod ædificia rectoriæ vel vicariæ in statu decenti conservent, prout sufficiunt ecclesiæ facultates.

Sexto, quod bona ecclesiæ contra jus commune alienata, et libertates etiam quascunque secundum Deum et justitiam revocare conentur.

Septimo, quod bona et jura ecclesiæ sibi concessæ, pro viribus absque alienatione et detrimento quolibet notabili studeant conservare.[1]

Octavo, quod fructus ecclesiarum suarum non vendant simul et in summa sine nostra licentia speciali, quoniam hujusmodi venditio firmæ similis omnia evacuat officia pietatis, et facit decimas nundinales, quæ debent in domo Dei pauperum necessitatibus providere.

Item, istos articulos scribi præcipimus in qualibet ecclesia, in missali vel libro alio potiori, palam, lucide et aperte, ut frequenter occurrant memoriæ ministrorum et visitantibus ostendantur, et facientes aliter graviter puniantur.

DCLXXXVII.

To the Dean of South Malling.

1287. '25 Aug. Concerning the reconciliation of

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio . . . decano de Suthmallyng' salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Super sanguine effuso nuper casualiter in capella de Glynde certificatione vestra diligenter inspecta, cleri-

[1] *conservare*] observare, R.

corum nostrorum et aliorum jurisperitorum informati consilio, vobis taliter respondemus. Quod cum dicta capella a majore ecclesia de Glynde stet sub alio tecto divisa, divina in ipsa majori ecclesia celebrare propter hujusmodi sanguinis effusionem omittere non oportet. Sed quia dicta capella, quæ dicitur sanguinis effusione polluta, sita est in area cimiterii dictæ majoris ecclesiæ consecrati, non potest in eo fieri sepultura nec in ipsa capella etiam celebrari, donec idem cimiterium et locus ille, ubi sanguis effusus est, per episcopum reconciliatus fuerit, ut est moris. Tamen si hujusmodi casus sine aliqua malitia intervenerit, cum voluntas et propositum distinguant maleficia, nec a celebratione divinorum in dicta capella nec a sepulturis in dicto cimiterio videtur esse cessandum, cum hujusmodi cessatio tantum in detestationem fieri consueverit criminis perpetrati, et hoc firmiter credimus esse verum. Bonum est tamen quod locus ipse pollutus aqua episcopali per sacerdotem aliquem abluatur. Datum apud Croynden', viii. kal. Septembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

Glynde church in which blood has been shed. R. f. 128.

DCLXXXVIII.

To William de Cruceroys, Official at Chichester.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio magistro Willelmo de Cruceroys, officiali nostro Cycestr', sede vacante, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Dudum Cycestr' diœcesem visitantes, invenimus multas ecclesias per diœcesem nondum fuisse consecrationis signaculis adornatas, et quamvis super hoc et aliis monuerimus tunc temporis episcopum dominum Stephanum bonæ memoriæ diligenter, verumtamen formidamus quod intentionis nostræ non fuerit effectus debitus subsecutus. Quocirca vobis mandamus quatenus faciatis inquiri de non dedicatis ecclesiis sollicite ut potestis, et rec-

1287. 24 Oct. Asks for the names of churches in the diocese not yet consecrated. R. f. 128.

tores earundem ecclesiarum congrue præmuniri, ut dedicationi necessaria præparent indilate per totam diœcesem Cycestr'. Et quid inde feceritis, et quid inveneritis, nobis infra mensem a data præsentium rescribatis, præcipue quantum ad numerum et nomina ecclesiarum, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Intendimus enim hujus rei gratia aliquem vobis episcopum mittere vel nos personaliter propinquare pro affectu patriæ speciali. Valete. Datum apud Croyndon', ix. kal. Novembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ nono.

DCLXXXIX.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

1287. 2 Dec. Requests him to deny that Friars have no power of absolution, etc.

R. f. 128. A. f. 140.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio archidiacono Cantuariensi salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Pastores animarum regimini intendentes executores esse novimus Dominici Testamenti et effusi Sanguinis adjutores. Sed, fatiscentibus eorundem viribus et multiplicatis ovibus Salvatoris, providit Altissimus pro adjutorio prælatorum de bipartito sanctorum virorum exercitu, Fratrum Prædicatorum scilicet et Minorum, quos et quibus si qui sunt similes, opitulationes nominat apostolus ad Corinthios,[1] præsidentibus assistentes, qui, ut verbo pariter ædificent et exemplo, se vitæ apostolicæ devoverunt ut ab impedientibus omnibus expediti ad promovendos agones militiæ Christianæ virilius[2] et utilius accingantur. Sed inimicus humani generis, qui semper Spiritui gratiæ adversatur, quosdam falsiloquos hiis temporibus suscitavit, qui ipsorum fratrum profectibus invidentes asserere præsumunt quod fratres prædictorum ordinum non habent potestatem absolvendi absque eorum licentia speciali. De cujus

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[1] *Corinthios*] Chorintheos, MSS. | [2] *virilius*] virilibus, R.

contrario, quia constat nobis per privilegia eorundem, de quibus fidem facere parati sumus omni rationabiliter postulanti; vobis mandamus in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes quatenus inhibeatis rectoribus, vicariis et quibuscunque curam habentibus vestræ jurisdictionis, ne de cetero talia audeant seminare, et si de facto in talia proruperint, ea indilate publice revocent quæ publice affirmaverunt, et hoc sub pœna suspensionis in quam incidant ipso facto, si mandatis nostris non pareant in hac parte. Volumus tamen quod prædicti rectores, vicarii et quicunque curam habentes, subditis suis ecclesiastica denegent sacramenta, donec constet eis quod ab habentibus auctoritatem fuerint absoluti. Fratres autem prædictorum duorum ordinum habere auctoritatem apostolicam ad confessiones audiendas et salutares pœnitentias injungendas, liquet ex eorum privilegiis evidenter, exceptis quibusdam casibus nobis tam a jure quam ab homine reservatis. Et quia verisimiliter præsumimus quod prædicti rectores, vicarii et alii curatores dictis fratribus adversantes, male monentur, qui tales habere respuunt adjutores, utique literatiores et sanctiores communiter quam sint ipsi, prædictis regentibus inhibemus quocunque nomine censeantur, ne ad casus nostro officio a jure vel ab homine reservatos de cetero præsumant extendere manus suas, decernentes irritum et inane quicquid per ipsos secus fuerit attemptatum. Valete. Datum apud Aldyngton, iv. non. Decembris, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII. ordinationis nostræ nono.[1]

Consimilis litera emanavit magistro Martino commissario Cantuariensi, ejusdem tenoris et datæ, mutatis mutandis.

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[1] In R. the following note is placed in the margin:—"Nota quam bene frater scribit pro fratribus."

DCXC.

To J. de Perrogiis.

1288. 24 Jan. Will appoint another to his church of Charing unless he resides there. R. f. 128 b.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro J. de Perrogiis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Affectu benivolo prudentiam vestram prosequimur ut debemus, pro eo quod cordi vobis est, ut dicitis, negotia nostra diligenter pro vestris viribus procurare, si contingeret vos curiam Romanam adire, quæ industriæ alterius hac vice commisimus procuranda. Propter quod nihil vobis de ipsis significamus ad præsens, cupientes quod vobis vacetis decetero omnibus aliis prætermissis. Sane a memoria vestra non excidit quod cum essetis impliciti litibus multipliciter pro beneficio vestro de Cherryng', illa vestra inquietatio nobis mediantibus conquievit. Ad quod tamen procurandum eo amplius movebamur, quo sperabamus vos velle in dicta ecclesia residere, et onus agnoscere quod cura requirit, maxime cum multum processeritis in diebus vestris, sed vos nihil boni ibidem hactenus fecisse dicimini. Immo, ut liquet manifeste, per vias varias subterfugia quæritis quominus faciatis quod ex debito vobis incumbit, dum aliquando procuratis fieri nobis preces, quod vos abesse permittamus, et aliquando vos in curia Romana habere facere simulando. Quæ quidem subterfugia quia oculata fide videmus vobis esse damnosa, amodo nolumus tolerare; quin lapso termino quem vobis concessimus ad instantiam capituli Lugdunensis, ut abesse possitis a cura vestra, nisi vos paretis ad reditum acturi curam ut tenemini, provideamus alii personæ de beneficio supradicto quæ curæ possit et velit insistere diligenter. Valete. Datum apud Croyndon', in Vigilia Conversionis Sancti Pauli, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ x.

DCXCI.

To the Dean of Arches.

1288. 8 March. He is to warn the archbishop of York not to come into the province of Canterbury with his cross erect. R. f. 128 b.

Frater Johannes, etc., dilecto filio decano de Arcubus, London', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum intelleximus archiepiscopum Eboracensem cito esse per nostram diœcesem et provinciam erecta cruce in contemptum et præjudicium nostræ Cantuariensis ecclesiæ transiturum, vobis in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus ipsius adventum sollicite explorantes, quantum licite poteritis, obsistatis eidem monendo et exhortando ne quoquo modo crucem suam per provinciam nostram erectam deferre præsumat; inhibentes nihilominus districtius omnibus per quos transibit, ne quis eorum quamdiu erectam crucem habuerit, ei reverentiam exhibeat aliqualem; et villas et loca omnia atque civitatem London', per quæ transitum faciet, quamdiu in ipsis moram traxerit, supponatis ecclesiastico interdicto; monentes omnes nostræ jurisdictioni subjectos ne quis ei in hoc facto nobis præjudiciali plurimum clam vel palam præstet auxilium, consilium vel favorem sub pœna excommunicationis, quam in secus facientes ex nunc proferimus in hiis scriptis. Ad hoc præmuniatis omnia loca vicina de adventu tam subito archiepiscopi memorati. Valete. Datum apud Suthmallyng', viii. id. Martii, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo vii., ordinationis nostræ decimo.

Item, emanarunt literæ pro eodem facto ejusdem tenoris et datæ archidiaconis Cantuariensi, Londoniensi et Roffensi, vel eorum officialibus, ac officiali episcopi Londoniensi et commissario Cantuariensi.

DCXCII.

To the Dean of St. Paul's.

1288. 12 March. Asserts the rights of the Franciscans to hear confessions and give[1] absolution. R. f. 131.

Frater J[ohannes], permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, et conservator privilegiorum ordinis Fratrum Minorum in Cantuariensi provincia, dilecto filio decano S. Pauli, vel ejus vices gerenti, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ager ecclesiæ Anglicanæ usque in hæc tempora consuevit salubribus seminibus, exclusis zizaniis, fœcundari, et in pace fructus in eodem justitiæ seminari. At nunc, instigante humani generis inimico, quidam, ut audivimus, in decanatu vestro quædam pestifera nuper dogmata seminarunt, asserere præsumentes, quod dilecti filii Fratres nostri Minores in confessionibus audiendis seducunt animas, utpote qui non possunt sine presbyterorum parochialium licentia easdem solvere vel ligare. Et quia per plurimorum summorum pontificum privilegia constat nobis, quod iidem fratres potestatem habent audiendi confessiones quorumcunque fidelium popularium, et absolvendi eosdem, ac eis salutares pœnitentias injungendi, sacerdotum ipsorum parochialium consilio vel licentia minime requisitis, immo etiam ipsis reclamantibus parochialibus presbyteris, cum superioris haud dubium habeant potestatem, quorum privilegiorum parati sumus facere fidem omni legitime postulanti; vobis et utrique vestrum firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus per totum decanatum vestrum denunciari publice faciatis, ubicunque, et quandocunque per fratres ipsos fueritis requisiti, quod fratres ipsi habent liberam potestatem auctoritate multiplici confessiones fidelium audiendi, absolvendi, et salutares pœnitentias injungendi, nulla obsistente reclamatione parochialium sacerdotum; quin potius tanto majorem habent fratres ad facienda hujus-

[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia. ii. 168.

modi potestatem, quam prædicti simplices sacerdotes, quo casus episcopales reservati episcopis ab homine, vel a jure, communiter a Deum timentibus episcopis ipsis fratribus committuntur, et non presbyteris, quorum simplicitas non sufficit aliis dirigendis. Pro certo insuper prædicatis eisdem, quod vel cum celeritate debita suum revocabunt dogma pestiferum, vel districtior correctio in forma canonica cervices deprimet hujusmodi præsumptorum. Quid autem super hoc feceritis, et quid inveneritis, et nomina etiam ipsorum, qui talia asserere præsumpserunt, vel qui suis subditis, vel aliis, inhibuerunt, ne ad fratres prædictos accederent pro confessionis et absolutionis beneficio obtinendis, nobis citra octabas Paschæ futuri proximo rescribatis per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Maghefeud, iv. id. Martii, anno Domini MCCLXXXVII., ordinationis nostræ decimo.

Item, consimiles literæ ejusdem tenoris et datæ, mutatis mutandis, emanarunt decano Beatæ Mariæ de Arcubus, London', et archidiacono London', vel ejus officiali.

DCXCIII.

A New Mitre.

1288. 31 March. Warrant for 173*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* for making a new mitre. R. f. 132.

Anno eodem [MCC. octogesimo octavo], ii. kal. Aprilis, emanavit litera sub sigillo privato domini in hac forma:—Universis præsentes literas inspecturis, Frater Johannes, permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra quod dominus Petrus de Geldeford', thesaurarius garderobæ nostræ, solvit et liberavit de præcepto nostro speciali per visum fratris Henrici de Kyngeston', diversis locis et temporibus, centum sexaginta tresdecim libras, quatuor solidos, unum denarium sterlingorum, pro auro, lapidibus, opere et aliis

necessariis cujusdam novæ mitræ quam fieri fecimus London' per visum et ordinationem ejusdem fratris Henrici. Quam quidem pecuniam dicto domino Petro in proximo compoto suo volumus allocari. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Otteford, ii. kal. Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo octavo, ordinationis nostræ decimo.

DCXCIV.

To the Provincial Prior of the Friars Preachers, and the Provincial Chapter at Oxford.

1288. 22 Aug. Asks for their prayers in the present desolate state of the church. R. f. 133. A. f. 86 b.

Frater Johannes, permissione Divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, discretis viris, sibique in Christo carissimis, fratri W. priori provinciali Fratrum Prædicatorum Angliæ ac diffinitoribus capituli provincialis Oxoniæ præsentialiter congregati, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Intelleximus, carissimi, relatu plurium fidedigno, et maxime dilecto nobis in Christo fratre R. . . . priore Londoniensi specialiter referente, quod vos, prior, præcipue cum aliis pluribus fratribus Deum timentibus, nos in prædicationibus vestris devotis et efficacibus persuasionibus orationibus fidelium commendatis, quo de vobis nihil posset gratius et acceptius nostris auribus insonare. De quo vobis ac ceteris omnibus ad quantas possumus gratiarum assurgimus actiones. Nec credimus quod hiis temporibus ullum Deo suavius redolens sacrificium offerri valeat, quam castissimæ orationis fidelium quæ ipsum Deum multiplicatis prævaricationibus hominum offensum ad misericordiam valeat inclinare. Statum cernitis universalis ecclesiæ ex omni latere desolatum cum continuis incrementis, ac nihil esse amplius apud multos despicabile aut haberi contemptui, quam illud unicum pro quo Christus in cruce se obtulit holocaustum.

Rogamus igitur, carissimi, ut gemitus nostros raucis vocibus pro prædictis et aliis periculis ante thronum divinæ clementiæ informiter fatiscentes, velitis vestris medullaribus suspiriis sublimare, qui quotidie in cordis amaritudine suspirantes, quo nescientes Dei judicio admiramur, suppositi sumus nutanti ædificio supportando stipula potius quam columna. Si quid autem penes nos voluerit vestra religio, paratos nos invenietis vos in caritatis ac veritatis brachiis suscipere cum effectu. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa, cujus agentibus suffragiis cæcutienti mundo ostendere valeatis quam periculose traditiones hominum ducant pene in irritum sanctissima evangelica instituta, quæ sola sufficerent, si essent in Christi tribunalibus undique qui ea nossent et diligerent, ecclesiæ gubernandæ. Datum apud Suthmalling', in octabis Assumptionis Virginis gloriosæ, ordinationis nostræ anno decimo.

DCXCV.

To the Presidents of the Benedictine Chapter.

1288. 20 Sept. The abbot of Faversham is not bound to obey their citation. R. f. 133 b.

Frater J[ohannes], permissione Divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, discretis et religiosis viris . . abbatibus capitulo generali ordinis Sancti Benedicti præsidentibus, pacem illam quæ exsuperat omnem sensum. Intelleximus quod vos dilectum filium nostrum O. abbatem monasterii Sancti Salvatoris de Faversham, nostræ diœcesis, ut generali capitulo vestro in crastino Sancti Matthæi apostoli proximo futuro Oxoniæ celebrando intersit, auctoritate ipsius capituli citavistis ; licet ipse abbas certis rationibus consideratis et sui monasterii privilegiis pro loco et tempore si necesse fuerit exhibendis, quæ vos tamen credimus non latere, inspectis, de jure id facere minime teneatur. Nec hoc etiam idem abbas facere posset, prout pluribus sapientibus videtur, sine

nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ injuria manifesta. Quare vos, necnon et totum capitulum vestrum generale, rogamus, requirimus et hortamur in Domino, ut nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ jura illibata servantes, dictum abbatem et suum monasterium super hujusmodi et ipsum contingentibus in hac parte in pace libera prædecessorum vestrorum sequentes vestigia dimittatis. Cum etiam laudabilis memoriæ S[tephanus] Rex Angliæ illustris, qui illud construxit monasterium, ipsum a tempore suæ fundationis a subjectione cujuslibet inferioris nostri liberum esse statuerit, ut liquido poterit pro loco et tempore apparere. Nec credunt plurimi prudentum quod vestra visitatio semel in triennio inibi impendenda, etiam si de jure vobis competeret, quod tamen non fatemur, nostræ visitationi annuæ quicquam facile possit superaddere fructuosum. Vos igitur si placet ita circumspecte habeatis in præmissis ut pax vera tranquillitasque firma jugiter inter nos maneat caritatis; scientes quod non intendimus dictum monasterium in suis necessitatibus relinquere indefensum. Nec hoc dicimus quasi intendentes in hac parte vestris canonicis, si qui sint, processibus refragari; sed prudentiæ vestræ ad memoriam revocamus quod turbationes[1] non facile sedabiles faciliter pariunt novitates. Valete. Datum apud Tenham, xii. kal. Octobris, anno Domini millesimo cc. octogesimo octavo, ordinationis nostræ decimo.

DCXCVI.

To the King's Council.

[1289.] 10 Feb. Cannot come to London on account of illness.

Viris venerabilibus et discretis domini regis consilio, frater J[ohannes] presbyter Cantuariensis salutem [et sinceram in Domino] caritatem. Per vos nuper interpellati fuimus ut ad vos London' veniremus super quodam ne[gotio] . . . . semper utique parati

[1] *turbationes*] turbationum. MS.

sumus regiis beneplacitis occurrere quantum possumus Altissimo inoffenso, sed imp[editi sumus] gravi infirmitate ita quod ad vos, ut optaveramus, ad præsens accedere non valemus. Circa autem neg[otium] . . . quod per mensem antequam recepissemus partes regias pro Philippo de Wileby, contulimus ecclesiam de Clyve . . . . . clerico nostro magistro Johanni de Bestane tanquam benemerito,[1] de consilio discretorum, et quia in forma canonica . . . . . nobis in hac parte temere resistentes, non possemus sententias ipsas sine gravi totius cleri scandalo et ecclesia[sticæ discipli]ne ludibrio revocare. Sed si aliqui ministri regii metu præceptorum regiorum processui nostro restiterint in h[oc facto, et] ad nos pro absolutionis gratia obtinenda redierint, sibi proculdubio nos invenient gratiosos, ita quod ad alios m . . . . munis severitas disciplinæ, nec Philippus unquam a nobis petiit gratiam in hoc facto, sed multum nobis mala, ut potuit, procuravit, nec pro ipso n . . . . . deseremus. Rogamus autem ut absentiam nostram excusatam habere velitis, qui per Dei gratiam ad vos veniemus citra Dominicam in . . . . . ., si permittat corporis valetudo. Valete semper in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Bocstede, iiii. id. Februarii.

Had already conferred the church of Clyve on John de Bestane. Royal Letters, 1824. R.O.

Add. Consilio domini regis, London' congregato. Dd.

DCXCVII.

To the Earl of Gloucester.

A sun trescher ami, seigneur Gilebert counte de Gloucestr' e de Herteford', le prestre de Caunterbir' saluz e beneizun. Sire, nus avuns entendu certeinement par genz si creables, de qui paroles nus ne

[1289.] [4 June.] The earl of Hereford complains

[1] The collation of Clyve to J. de Bestane was 13 Nov. 1288. R. f. 38.

that he has not observed the covenant between them.

porrium doter, ke lendemayn de la Penthecuste procheinement passee, vint a Abyndon' le counte de Hereford devaunt nos treschers seignieurs e amis le eveske de Duraume e le counte de Cornwaillie, proposaunt e affermaunt ke vous ne avez pas tenu les covenaunces euues nad geres entre vous e li, e recordees e acordees de ambe deus les parties devaunt les avaunt dit seignieurs e devaunt nus en la petite chapele nostre seigneur le roy a Weymuster, e prie e requiert ke ceus a qui il apartint imectent remedie. Pur la queu chose, sire, nus vous priums e requerums taunt de quoer come nus poums, ke si vus avez de riens mespris contre lavauntdite forme, le facez si bonement e si tost amender, ke le murmure se repose, nomeement cuntre la venue nostre seigneur le roy, la quele nus atendums procheinement. E quei ke len die de ceste mesprisun, nus ne le poums pas bien creire, kar vous estiez si menable devaunt nus pur la honeur du Dieu e du roy, ke nus ne quidum pas ke vous en vousissez fere desray, nomeement cuntre la venue nostre seigneur le roy. Les poinz de qui il fet parole nus ne vous maundum pas, kar nuls ne les maunda a nus en especial. Mes bien poez savoir de queus choses il entent a fere parole, kar il ni avoit geres de poinz de ceste matire. Sire, pur Dieu par bien fere cloez les buches as mauparlaunz, e maundez ent a nus vostre volente, qui mut desirum vostre pees e vostre honeur, issi ke nus en puissums apeiser les autres qui en sunt dolenz. Sire, Dieus vous eit en sa garde. Ceste lettre fu donee a Aldyngton', la voille de la Trinite.

R. f. 135 *b*.

DCXCVIII.

To the Prior and Chapter of Coventry.

1289. 30 June.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., . . . priori et capitulo Coventreiæ ecclesiæ cathedralis salutem, gratiam et bene-

dictionem. Temporibus retroactis invenimus vos liberaliter nostris beneplacitis inclinatos, in hiis præcipue quæ necessitates Fratrum nostrorum Minorum, vestræ gratiæ filiorum, præcipue requirebant. Pro quo vobis grati esse volumus omni tempore, absque verbi et animi fictione. Ac nunc dolentes plurimum intelleximus quandam radicem amaritudinis nuper inter vos et prædictos fratres, procurante inimico humani generis, germinasse. Et quia dissensionis istius aculeum non possumus æquanimiter sustinere, vos rogamus ex animo, ut quantum secundum Deum potestis cum indemnitate vestra, quam cupimus esse salvam, velitis prædictis fratribus condescendere propter Deum; permittentes amicos eorum terrarum dominos absque vestro præjudicio seu dispendio, prout fratrum exigit necessitas vel honestas, ipsorum aream ampliare; recommendatos ipsos habentes in gratia sicut hactenus habuistis, et ipsos aliorum misericordiæ, utpote mendicos pro Christo, qui pro nobis egenus factus est, quorum est ad misericordiam hominum vivere misericorditer commendantes. Nolentes igitur ipsos vobiscum contendere, eos ut Christi famulos ac fratres nostros quos præ cunctis mortalibus diligimus, destinamus ad clementiæ vestræ sinum. Hoc tamen noverint quicunque civitatenses vel alii qui violentiam loco eorundem fratrum irrogaverint, se esse innodatos anathematis vinculo, a quo absolvi non possunt nisi per conservatores ordinis vel sedis apostolicæ gratia speciali. Tantum igitur in præmissis facere velitis, ut orta ex suscitato recenter ibi scandalo cesset desolatio cordis nostri, de quo per capreas cervosque camporum pietatis vestræ viscera excitamus, ne quietem nostram ulteriori molestia disrumpatis. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Maghefeud, die commemorationis Sancti Pauli.

In favour of the Friars Minors. R. f. 136.

DCXCIX.

To the Chancellor of London.

1289. 23 July. The nuns of Holywell complain that he prevents their obtaining what is due by the will of Fulk. R. f. 136.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilecto filio magistro Radulpho de Yvingeho, cancellario ecclesiæ S. Pauli London', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Multis nocuit loquacitas muliebris, quod in nobis nullis in hoc præcedentibus demeritis experimur. Ecce enim moniales de Haliwelle suggerunt magnatis et præcipue filiabus domini regis, quod ex nobis procedit occasio, pro qua de bonis testamenti domini Fulconis bonæ memoriæ nondum potuerunt optinere, quod eis pro quibusdam neptibus ejusdem Fulconis ab eis receptis rationabiliter debebatur. Pignora etiam earundem non restituitis, quia sine nobis hoc ut aiunt facere non audetis. Et quia vos scitis quod a nobis nunquam processit inhibitio, vos retrahens a præmissis operibus pietatis, rogamus vos affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus prædictis mulierculis quantum ad talia silentium imponentes, velitis eas misericorditer respicere, sicut scitis ipsarum meritis et intentioni seu voluntati dicti defuncti sine cujuslibet præjudicio concordare. Non tamen omnino credentes earum garrulis, quarum una magis inter alias solita nobis plurimum est suspecta pro deposito proprietario cujusdam religiosi, quod tenuit longo tempore sacrilege, nisi fallat nos memoria, excommunicationis vinculis innodata. Valete semper in Domino Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Mortelake, in crastino Magdalenæ, anno Domini MCC. octogesimo nono.

DCC.

To the Friars in Chapter at Oxford.

[1289.] 2 Sept. Laments the con-

In Christo electis per gratiam Dei filiis, fratribus in capitulo Oxoniensi proximo congregandis, frater J[ohannes], etc., presbyter Cantuariensis corroborari per Spiri-

tum et in ejus splendoribus consolari. Nisi tribulationum frequentes aculei prædestinationis filios ad cœlestis amplitudinem gloriæ præpararent, nunquam optimi et omnipotentis principii providentia fragilitatem humani generis eas ingredi permisisset. Nunc autem ad suscipiendam finaliter mensuram bonam bonæ voluntatis exercitiis, et confertam perfectæ sanctimoniæ incrementis, ac coagitatam circumvolantibus concussionibus pressurarum, ac supereffluentem eis inæstimabili dulcedine largitoris, idem ampliat, ut credo firmiter, sinus vestros. Et Illo teste qui scrutator est cordium, terebrant cor meum tres illæ lanceæ, quas innocentiæ vestræ non cessat infigere perditionis filius, vitæ mordendo sanctimoniam, pietatem illam provisam cœlitus, qua saluti intenditis animarum, totis viribus disturbando et adversantium vobis erigendo cornua, dum non est qui apponat remedium hiis diebus, sed ad Deum clamandum est incessanter, donec vobis suscitet defensorem. Hæc autem pro certissimo teneatis, quod dum vixero, manus ut potero extendam, ad ordinis gravamina repellenda. Sed, carissimi et desideratissimi, sine dormitatione conscientiæ alacriter attendamus, cum non sit malum in civitate, quod judicio fieri divinitus non sinatur. An nos ipsos forsitan intrinsecus gravius persequamur? Attendamus sollicite si devotionis spiritum super omnia desiderandum otium nitatur extinguere, vel inutilis occupatio ligna in Sabbato colligentis; si synaxis sit infructuosa frequentatio, cui in aquarum multarum diluvio propinquamus, vel si superveniens garritus cogit deficere spiritum tædiatum; si chromaticum genus musicæ a philosophis reprobatum, demulcet inter vos exteriores aures dum perstrepit, et interiores deserit vacuas et inanes; si tranquillitatem studii pristinam filius Egyptii jurgatur[1] in castris Domini, Moisi judicio lapidandus. Jam siquidem non primitiæ tantum

dition of the church.

R. f. 136.
A. f. 25.

[1] *jurgatur*] jurgantur, MSS.

fermenti ac mellis in sacrificio, quod putatur Domini offeruntur, quinpotius universa idola domus Israel in parietibus sunt depicta, et vapor consurgit nebulæ. Dum studium sapientiæ talibus obscuratur, nitimur hiis temporibus ad texturam subtilium, sed telæ hujusmodi nudis non perhibent vestimentum; et dum talibus nimis oculos aperimus sponsus avolat, qui clausis exterioribus et interioribus oculis per vias mysticas est quærendus. Pensemus insuper, carissimi, si caritatis circulum privatæ[1] affectionis angulus demolitur, si ventus a regione deserti hujusmodi angulus illabitur, si juvenis advesperascente die in angulo hujusmodi irretitur. Attendamus ne humilitatis superficies veræ humilitatis penetralia mentiatur, et sub extrinseca specie ossa sepeliat mortuorum. Attendamus ne maturitatem dissolvat leuceas et scandali erumpere faciat basiliscum; ne frugalitatis fructus rigide jactantia coram suspectis auribus mercedem evacuet in hoc sæculo et futuro; ne simplicitatis propositum divellat occupatio sæcularis; ne Edom terram, sapiens et terrenus Christi tunicam inconsutilem dividere permittatur. Hæc, carissimi, ex illa cordis abundantia, vobis scribo jam de ecclesiasticis profectibus pene penitus desperatus, qua in vobis desidero Christi evangelium refulgere, me miserum et miserabilem et ecclesiam quam invitus teneo, vestris orationibus ac ceteris suffragiis recommendans. Valete semper in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Tenham, iiii. non. Septembris.

DCCI.

To the Clergy of his Province.

1289. 20 Sept. Orders them to

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis filiis universis archidiaconis, officialibus, decanis, rectoribus, et vicariis, per

[1] *privatæ*] privare, MSS.

civitatem, diœcesem et provinciam Cantuariæ constitutis, salutem et pacem in Domino sempiternam. Quia nimis excresceret audacia plurimorum, et in aliorum offensas eorum temeritas insaniret si virga deficeret[1] corrigentis, expedit ut eorum temeraria præsumptio superioris providentia castigetur. Intelleximus et enim quod nonnulli nostræ diœcesis et provinciæ Deum præ oculis non habentes, jura et libertates ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, necnon dilectorum filiorum nostrorum prioris et capituli nostri, tam in rebus quam in personis multipliciter invadere, violare ac perturbare non formidant, in nostri et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ ac religiosorum prædictorum præjudicium non modicum et gravamen. Et licet contra malefactores hujusmodi tanquam libertatis ecclesiasticæ perturbatores, qui ipso facto sententiam excommunicationis incurrunt, possemus severitatis gladium exercere; volentes tamen eos affectione paterna tractare, vobis omnibus et singulis mandamus firmiter injungentes quatenus dictos malefactores auctoritate nostra moneatis et efficaciter inducatis ut ab ecclesiæ nostræ et memoratorum religiosorum invasionibus ac infestationibus libertatum, quoad res et personas, abstineant penitus et desistant, et de commissis satisfaciant competenter, ut tenentur. Quod si secundo tertiove commoniti vestris monitionibus parere contempserint in hac parte, extunc omnes et singulos quos reos inveneritis, diebus Dominicis et festivis ubi et quando per dictos religiosos ex parte nostra fueritis requisiti, faciatis excommunicatos publice nunciari et a communione fidelium arctius evitari; hæc tam diu exequentes donec ad ecclesiasticam redierint unitatem. Valete. Datum apud Mortelak', xii. kal. Octobris, anno Domini supradicto.

warn all persons not to molest the church of Canterbury. R. f. 136 b. A. f. 150 b.

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[1] *deficeret*] dificeret, A.

DCCII.

To Robert Malet.

1289. 22 Nov. Asks him to pity the friars. Has not heard from the king about Thos. Weylond. R. f. 137.

Frere Johan par la soffrance Deu prestre de Cantrebire, a son cher ami e fiz espirituel, munsire Robert Malet, saluz, grace e beneizon. Sire, jo rescu vostre lettre le jur Madame Seinte Cecile, e entendi ben pa vos lettres, ke vus ne avez pas volente de grever les Freres, e me mandastes ke vus desirrez a oir bones noveles del rey. A ky jo ay envee mes messages, e sachez, sire, ke jo ay envee sire Nicole de Knouuile a mestre Renaud de Wraudon', e un messager a pe a lettres, e nennay uncore nul respons, pur quei jo crey certeinement ke luy reys se avise, e ke il en fra aukune deboneirete, la quele jo desir plus a oir pur la honnur del rey e de vus, ke jo ne faz pur Thomas Weylond;[1] kar sachez ke celuy Thomas cum jo ay entendu, puis ke jo vus escris autrefez, est soudekne, ne nest pas bigames, tut eyt il puis ke il fu suzdeknes tray deus gentiz femmes, lune a pres lautre, ne femme il ne espusa unkes, ne ne puet mort suffrir par jugement, e ki fra le contrere sachez ke il cherra en tele sentence pur la quele il convendra kil voist a Rome pur estre assouz. Sire, uncore vus pri jo ke vous eyez pite des freres, kar il ne furent unkes si maumenez en la Crestiente cum il sunt de suz vos meins, tut seit co cuntre vostre volente, si cum crey. Oveske co, sire, jo ne crey pas ke il eyent de ren fet cuntre la corone le rey. Kar a la corone apartent nun pas soulement crueaute e reddur de justise, mes plus pite e misericorde. Par la quele seinte eglise par la volente le rey, sauve mesfesanz par refui de eglise, par ordre, e par habit de religion; si cum piert al Northpays, u murdrers a pres lur maufet, se rendent convers as graunz Abbeies de Cis-

[1] The chief justice of the Common Bench, who being found guilty of causing one of his servants to commit a murder, had taken sanctuary with the Friars at Bury St. Edmunds.

teaus et sunt saufs. Sire, Deu vus eyt en sa garde. Ceste lettre fust escrite le jur Seinte Cecile a Foleham, le an del incarnacion MCC. uittante nef.

DCCIII.

To the Earl of Cornwall.

[1289.] 1 Dec. Concerning the differences between him and his countess. R. f. 137.

A sun trescher ami e seignur Emund counte de Cornwaille, le prestre de Caunterbire, saluz e beneizun. Sachez, sire, ke jo ai parle a ma dame la countasse solum la bulle quaunt a deus pointz ke ele contient. Le primer est ke li pape maunde ke jo me entremette de fere la peis entre vous e li. Le secund est, sire, sicome vous savez, ke jo la traie a ceo ke ele voile vouer chastete perpetuel, si jo ne puis fere la peis. Sire, kaunt au primer, ele me respundi ke ele desirre la peis de vous e de li, plus ke nule chose qui seit en terre, e dit bien ke le ennui ke len li fet ele ne quide pas ke viegne de vostre quor. Al autre point, ele respundi ke ele neest pas avisee de vouer chastete, pur ceo ke ce sereit si ele le feseit ausicome confermer les blames e les fausetes ke len li met sus, sicome ele dit; e me pria mut de quor ke jo me entremeisse de la peis fere entre vus e li; e aucuns autres me toucherent ke jo men devoie par la resun de mun office plus avaunt fere ke la lettre le pape ne purporte. Pur la queu chose, sire, pur ceo ke jo vi ke le estat la dame est fible e perilus, e ke ele desirre sur tute rien aver vostre peis, e de vous bone volente, jo li conseilai e defendi ke ele sei ne parte pas de cest pais deskes ataunt ke jo aie parle a vous a leisir, e sasche plus pleinement vostre volente, e deske la chose se aprochast a aucune bone fin. Pur la queu chose, sire, jo vus prie e requier ke vous voilez aprocher a moi sitost come vous poez vostre honoeur sauve. E sachez, sire, ke jo aprocheraie volentiers a vous si ne esteit le desturber de ma visi-

taciun, en qui jo sui, pur la quele saunz autre maundement jo su tenu de amender tutes les defautes notoires qui tuchent la enceinte de la eveschie en qui jo visite. E, sire, ceo ke vus en volez fere, mandez moi par le portur de cestes lettres, kar jo bei abatre ceste esclaundre si Dieus men doint le poer, ne jo ne le puis pas lesser saunz graunt pecche. Sire, Dieus vus eit en sa garde. Ceste lettre fu donee a Fuleham le primer jour de Decembre, ou je demurrai si Dieu plest deske a la Seint Nicholas ou pres de ilokes.

DCCIV.

Westminster Abbey.

1290. 30 April. Celebration of mass by the archbishop or his performance of funerals in the abbey at the desire of the king or queen, is without prejudice to its exemption.

R. f. 137 b.

Universis, etc. Noveritis quod per hoc quod interdum ad rogatum domini regis illustris et dominarum reginarum Angliæ vel alterius cujuscunque magnatis ad ecclesiam Westmonasterii accedimus pro missis celebrandis, vel aliis exercendis officiis in funeribus mortuorum et consimilibus, exemptioni ejusdem ecclesiæ in nullo intendimus derogare, vel nobis aut successoribus nostris eisdem rationibus jurisdictionem aliquam imposterum vendicare. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apud Westmonasterium, ii. kal. Maii, anno Domini MCC. nonagesimo, ordinationis nostræ xii.

DCCV.

To the Prioress and Convent of St. Helens.

1290. 2 May. Licence to celebrate the day of the Invention of the

Frater Johannes, etc., dilectis in Christo filiabus priorissæ et conventui Sanctæ Helenæ, London', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ut die crastina, videlicet die Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis tantummodo possitis ipsius festivitatis sollemnia, non pulsatis cam-

panis, in vestro monasterio celebrare, non obstante interdicto auctoritate nostra in civitate London' posito, vobis auctoritate præsentium de nostra speciali gratia concedimus facultatem, præsentibus post diem ipsum minime valituris. Datum apud Mortelake, vi. non. Maii, anno Domini MCC. nonagesimo, ordinationis nostræ xii.

Cross, without bellringing, notwithstanding the interdict.

R. f. 137 b.

DCCVI.

To the Abbots and Monks in Chapter at Abingdon.

1290. 19 July. Forbids them to receive Wm. de Persore, an apostate friar.

R. f. 138. A. f. 38 b.

Frater J[ohannes], permissione Divina, etc., dilectis filiis abbatibus et ceteris monachis capituli Abendoniæ, salutem, etc. Super speculam Domini, pro nostri officii sollicitudine ac debito constituti, religionis vestræ discrimina nostra existere reputamus, nisi divinæ animadversionis gladium vestris cervicibus imminentem officii nostri buccina revelemus, Domino per Ezechielis oracula contestante. Sane intelleximus quod quidam vestrum non satis memores propriæ salutis, apostatam quendam ordinis Fratrum Minorum nomine Willelmo de Persore, moribus pestilentem, quem vobis excommunicatum denunciamus et anathematis vinculo innodatum, cum omnibus complicibus suæ fraudis, præsumunt in prædicti ordinis præjudicium detinere, ipso facto in excommunicationem latam ore apostolico incidentes. Quocirca vos rogamus omnes et singulos pariter et monemus, vobis nihilominus sub pœna canonica auctoritate apostolica, de qua parati sumus fidem facere cuilibet legitime postulanti, auctoritate conservatoria firmiter injungentes, quatenus dictum apostatam incontinenti a vestris laribus sine fraude qualibet expellatis, excommunicantes et excommunicatos denunciantes omnes

cujuscunque gradus vel eminentiæ prædicti apostatæ detentores vel apostasiæ suæ consilium auxilium, vel favorem decetero præbituros. Scientes prædictum apostatam existere in Romana curia satis notum, in qua quædam nefaria dicitur impetrasse, pro quibus expulsus extitit ab eadem. Inhibemus etiam ne quis quocunque genere malitiæ impedire præsumat, ne præsens pagina perveniat integre et lucide ad omnium notitiam, qui pro conservatione ac reformatione sacri vestri ordinis in præsenti sunt capitulo congregati. Et qui scienter contrarium fecerit, ipsum non dubitamus esse cum prædicti perfidi fautoribus innodatum. Igitur, carissimi, ne gloriam vestram tam scelerati hominis contagio maculetis, nobis, quid inde facere decreveritis, per exhibitorem præsentium rescribatis, pro certo scientes quod istud negotium non intendimus dimittere imperfectum, donec sit mediante justitia consummatum. Et si feceritis quod facere tenemini in hac parte, nos invenietis ad vestra beneplacita promptiores. Valete. Datum apud Wrotham, in vigilia S. Margaretæ Virginis, anno Domini supradicto [1290].

DCCVII.

To the Prior of St. Martin's, Dover.

1290. 28 July. Forbids his receiving persons of illegitimate birth.

R. f. 138 b.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio priori Sancti Martini Dovor', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Licet vobis nuper concesserimus, quod possitis tres vel quatuor clericos recipere induendos vestro habitu monachali, non tamen fuit intentionis nostræ quod possitis aliquem illegitimum recipere ad eundem. Unde simpliciter prohibemus ne aliquem illegitimum recipiatis ad ordinem vestrum sine licentia nostra speciali, quæ per nostras literas in notesca

Recipiendos autem videre volumus, si sumus citra Londonias, alioquin saltem Cantuariæ commissario præsententur, ut ab ipso approbati extunc per vos libere induantur. Valete, etc. Datum apud Wengeham, v. kal. Augusti, anno supradicto.

DCCVIII.

To the Official of the Bishop of London.

[1290.] 30 July. Excommunication of those who assist or receive William de Persore, an apostate Franciscan friar.

R. f. 138 b.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione Divina, etc., dilecto filio . . officiali venerabilis fratris domini . . Londoniensis episcopi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum frater Willelmus de Persore instinctu diabolico ab ordine Fratrum Minorum nuper apostatando recesserit, cujus apostasiæ prætextu a ministro provinciali Fratrum Minorum Anglicanæ provinciæ secundum formam privilegiorum sedis apostolicæ ac modum ordinis sui, idem Willelmus majoris excommunicationis sententia sit merito innodatus, manifestumque sit ex tenore eorundem privilegiorum omnis ipsius apostatæ auctores et fautores in crimine apostasiæ, cujuscunque status aut conditionis existant, in excommunicationis sententiam ore latam apostolico incidisse damnabiliter, a qua nequaquam absolvi poterunt nisi apostolicæ præsentiæ se personaliter repræsentent; nosque juxta præceptum apostolicum super hoc nobis exhibitum, præfatum apostatam cum omnibus suis fautoribus et auctoribus, prout tenemur, fecerimus in diversis locis excommunicatum publice nunciari, auctoritate apostolica et etiam conservatoria, de qua parati sumus fidem facere cuilibet legitime postulanti; vos rogamus et hortamur in Domino, vobis nihilominus in virtute obedientiæ qua sedi apostolicæ tenemur, sub pœna in privilegiis papalibus contenta districte præcipiendo mandantes, quatenus prædictum Willelmum et omnes qui eum in suis ecclesiis seu monasteriis vel locis

aliis secum retinuerint, vel ei in hoc crimine publice vel occulte præstiterint quomodolibet consilium, auxilium vel favorem, in singulis ecclesiis civitatis et suburbii London' et aliis adjacentibus, tam exemptis quam non exemptis, prout a latore præsentium requisiti fueritis, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis intra missarum sollemnia, pulsatis campanis et accensis candelis, denuncietis seu denunciari faciatis publice excommunicatos, donec aliud super hoc a nobis receperitis in mandatis. Nos enim tam contra apostatam ipsum quam contra fautores seu detentores ipsius, si qui inventi fuerint, juxta rigorem apostolici mandati nobis directi, dirigente nos Altissimo, procedemus prout deposcunt eorum demerita et dictant canonicæ sanctiones. Qualiter autem mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis infra mensem a tempore receptionis præsentium rescribatis aperte et distincte per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Wengeham, iii. kal. Augusti.

DCCIX.

To the Abbot of Chertsey, President of the Benedictine Chapter.

1290. 30 July. Orders him to restore William de Persore, an apostate, to the Friars Minors.

R. f. 138 b.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione Divina, etc., dilecto filio . . . abbati de Certeseie, præsidenti capitulo monachorum ordinis S. Benedicti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nuper Willelmum de Persore, pro crimine apostasiæ per ministrum Fratrum Minorum Angliæ secundum modum religionis suæ et tenorem privilegiorum suorum excommunicatum, cum omnibus suis auctoribus et fautoribus clam vel palam, quos manifestum est ex forma privilegiorum ipso facto sententiam excommunicationis majoris ore apostolico latam incurrere, nec ab ea posse absolvi nisi apostolico conspectui personaliter se præsentent, cujus-

cunque gradus vel conditionis existant; nos juxta apostolicum præceptum sic excommunicatum fecerimus publice nunciari, quidamque de vestro capitulo propriæ salutis immemores, non obstante notificatione privilegiorum hujusmodi eis legitime facta, et restitutione prædicti apostatæ instanter petita, adhuc præsumant propria temeritate eundem apostatam in sedis apostolicæ contemptum, animarum suarum periculum, et dictorum fratrum præjudicium, prout manifestum est et notorium, detinere; auctoritate apostolica et conservatoria, de qua parati sumus fidem facere cuilibet legitime postulanti, vos adhuc ex abundanti et per vos ceteros omnes et singulos de capitulo vestro, tam præsidentes quam alios cujuscunque status vel eminentiæ existant, quibus hoc mandatum nostrum per vos notificari præcipimus sine fraude et dolo quolibet, rogamus, hortamur et monemus in Domino, vobis nihilominus, et per vos omnibus et singulis aliis in virtute obedientiæ, qua sedi apostolicæ tenemini vel tenentur, et sub pœna in privilegiis papalibus contenta, quam vos et ipsos ipso facto incurrere volumus, si mandatis nostris in hac parte, immo verius apostolicis, ad plenum non parueritis, districte præcipiendo mandantes quatenus prædictum apostatam infra xx. dies a tempore receptionis præsentium sine fraude et difficultate qualibet restituatis vel faciatis restitui fratribus memoratis; nichil committentes vel committi permittentes doli vel fraudis cujuscunque, per quod fratres suo in hac parte jure fraudentur. Alioquin extunc non omittemus amplius, quin contra dictum apostatam et ipsius fautores secundum rigorem mandati apostolici procedamus. Quod si prædictus apostata infra xx. dies prædictos non fuerit restitutus, vobis sub consimili censura præcipimus, quod ex tunc infra octo dies sequentes nomina omnium mandato nostro in hac parte resistentium, et dicto apostatæ quomodolibet faventium, vel eum

detinentium, seu eorum per quos steterit quominus restituatur idem apostata, et eorum similiter qui ipsius liberationi consentiunt, ac qualiter in omnibus aliis mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, distincte et aperte nobis rescribatis per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, ut qui immunes fuerint optata pace gaudeant, et rebelles compescat rigor apostolicæ ultionis. Datum apud Wengeham, iii. kal. Augusti.

DCCX.

To [Philip de Staunton] Bishop elect of Llandaff.

[1290.] [5 Aug.] Disapproves of his intentions, to which he does not think the pope will consent.

R. f. 139. A. f. 26.

Frater J[ohannes], etc., electo Landavensi, salutem, etc. Novit Ille quem nihil latet, quod sine omni simulatione et fictionis latebris, vestræ prudentiæ persuasi beneplacitis apostolicis firmiter obedire, et firmiter credo quod hoc Altissimo complaceret, saluti procurandæ attendere fidelium pro quibus Ipse mortuus est in cruce. Cui vos recusatis semen verbi mortuo suscitare. Vota autem fratrum quæ in contrarium vos inclinant, utinam vanitatis pondere vel pulvere minime inclinentur. Multi erant certe tunc temporis boni fratres, cum sanctæ memoriæ decessor meus ad primatiæ apicem vocaretur. Nec tamen, quod sciatur, aliquis fuisse legitur, illi spiritus sancti proposito reluctatus. Quod si pro suavitate refugitis scripturarum recolite scriptum esse, "Veni, "dilecte mi, egrediamur in agrum."[1] Nec vobis excidat a memoria, quod pro mandragoris boni odoris, quas longo tempore collegistis, sponsi cum Rachele officium meruistis; et pro certissimo credo quod si secus erigitis, discalciati opprobrium quod lex Deuteronomii præfigurat vix poteritis effugere, sicut

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[1] Cantic. vii., 11.

manifesta ratio persuadet. Sed nec credo quod summus pontifex impiis in hac parte desideriis salva reverentia vestra annuat ad desideratum otium prosequendum. Dirigat vos Altissimus ad quod sibi est acceptius pro sua infallibili pietate. Valete, etc. Datum apud Suthmalling, die S. Thomæ Martyris.

DCCXI.

To Richard de Apintone and John de Pirile.

1291. 3 May. Desires them to raise 50*l.* on the woods at South Malling. R. f. 140.

Frater Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis Ricardo de Apintone, clerico, et Johanni de Pirile, ballivo de Suthmallyng, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia vos assignavimus ad quandam pecuniæ summam in boscis nostris prædicti manerii levandam pro nostris et ecclesiæ nostræ negotiis, vobis mandamus quatenus in prædictis boscis nostris, ubi videritis quod plus nobis expediat, levari faciatis usque ad quinquaginta libras modo quo poteritis meliori. Onerantes de prædicta pecunia camerarium loci prædicti ut in proximo compoto suo coram auditoribus compotorum valeat respondere. Valete. Datum apud Otteford', die Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis, anno consecrationis nostræ tertiodecimo.

DCCXII.

To the Prior of St. Frideswide's.

1291. 31 May. Asks him to give the next presentation of St. Peter's in the Bailey, Oxford, to the Friars Minors there. R. f. 140.

Frater J[ohannes] permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis fratri. . . priori monasterii Sanctæ Fredeswithæ in Oxon' municipio, et ejusdem loci conventui, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Solet esse gratitudinis argumentum si filius assistat honori matris propriæ promovendo. Et naturalis boni solet esse indicium, si pomum ad genitalis propriæ arborem seu stipitem revolvatur. Quapropter nos, qui in domo Fratrum

Minorum Oxoniensium superioris naturæ quæ naturans communiter appellatur, hausimus spiritum naturali pondere potentiorem, nulli videri possumus importuni si ipsorum gratiam ut possumus promovemus. Quia igitur fratres prædicti multum indigent pro Dei honore ad præsens, ut ecclesia Sancti Petri vicina Oxoniæ castro alicui eis devoto, quem vobis nominandum duxerint, conferatur, ad quod sub loci diœcesano præcipue proficere vestra poterit auctoritas, quæ jus optinere dicitur ipsius ecclesiæ patronatus; affectu quo possumus vos rogamus quatenus cum proximo vacabit prænominata ecclesia, illum ad eandem ecclesiam præsentare velitis, quem vobis virum idoneum ad hoc fratres ipsi ob Dei gloriam nominabunt. Quod si curaveritis facere propter Deum, et nos ac ceteros fratrum animos vestris beneplacitis obligabitis in futurum, et fratres ipsos specialis gratiæ munere vestris sanctis desideriis procurandis de cetero arctius astringetis, et facietis vestris promovendis commodis plus quam adhuc appareat vectigales. Tantum igitur super hoc facere velitis, ut nos a benignitate vestra præsentialiter exauditi, repulsa petitionis nostræ minime perfundamur. Sed gratulemur potius si gratiam illam, quam dudum apud vos inter Christi pauperes existentes paratam invenimus, adhuc vivere sentiamus in fonte illo Paracliti, quem indevotio non exsiccat. Quid autem inde faciendum duxeritis, nobis per latorem præsentium rescribatis. Valete in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Datum apud Cherringe, ii. kal. Junii, anno Domini MCC. nonagesimo primo, ordinationis nostræ xiii.

DCCXIII.

To the Mayor and Commonalty of Dover.

1291. 16 July. Asks them

Frater J[ohannes], etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, majori et communitati Baronum Dovar', salutem, etc.

to allow the prior to enclose his cemetery. R. f. 140 b.

Ex corde ad vos, teste conscientia, plurimum afficimur, et libenter pro loco et tempore promovere cupimus ea quæ vestrum respiciunt commodum et honorem. Idcirco præcipue quia ab eo tempore quo Cantuariensi ecclesiæ præfuimus, licet immeriti, vos invenimus tractabiles et benignos, et quia quædam in vobis esse intelleximus corrigenda; vos ut filios devotissimos exoramus ut mansuetudinem vestram possimus in casu qui inferius subjungitur experiri. Sane quibusdam fidedignis referentibus intelleximus quod, cum dilecti filii . . prior et conventus Dovar', quos sub rege et a rege tenemus in manibus, desiderent locum suæ forinsecus claudere sepulturæ, quia locus ipse in quo nonnulla corpora progenitorum vestrorum et aliorum fidelium requiescunt, assidue porcinis et aliis immunditiis polluuntur, quod utique nec Judæi nec Saraceni de suis perfidiæ filiis[1] paterentur, cui quidam vestrum ut dicitur contradicunt; et quia locus ipse ratione hujusmodi sepulturæ religionis sortitur honorem; vos pro Dei reverentia exoramus quatenus prædictos priorem et conventum sinatis, quod piissime inceperunt, feliciter consummare. Scire enim debetis quod quorum animæ exutæ corpore in cœlestem patriam sunt assumptæ, corpora eorundem sancta proculdubio sunt habenda. Quibus proculdubio magnum fit præjudicium et contemptus, cum honorifica sepultura minime reconduntur. Tantum igitur super hiis faciatis, ut cuncta tristia excludentes, nos consolatos vestra obedientia recipere valeatis. Sciatis enim quod hoc negotium non intendimus dimittere imperfectum. Valete. Datum apud Wengeham, xvii. kal. Augusti.

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[1] *filiis*] filiis filiis, MS.

DCCXIV.

Thomas de Ringemer, late Prior of Christchurch, Canterbury.

[1291.] 16 July. Absolution for joining the Cistercian order. R. f. 140 b.

Pateat universis etc. Cum dudum Cantuariense capitulum jure ordinario visitantes, inhibuerimus sub pœna excommunicationis latæ in contrarium facientes, ne quis de ipso Cantuariensi collegio ad religionem aliam se transferret sine nostra licentia speciali, tamen frater Thomas de Ringemer', tunc temporis prior ipsius ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, hujusmodi inhibitionis nostræ et latæ sententiæ non ignarus, contrarium facere præsumpsit in animæ suæ periculum, ut putamus, se ad monachos Cisterciensis ordinis temere transferendo; quem tamen postea ab eadem sententia absolvimus humiliter requirentem. In cujus rei testimonium. Datum apud Wengham, xvii. kal. Augusti, anno Domini, etc.

DCCXV.

To the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

1291. 17 July. Enjoins the better observance of the ceremonies of the church, and of the Lords' Day. R. f. 140 b.

Hæc subscripta, directa archidiacono Cantuariensi pro Sabbatis observandis:—Frater J[ohannes], permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio magistro R . . . archidiacono Cantuariensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Populus curæ nostræ commissus, quod dolentes referimus, adeo est duræ cervicis, ut magis cernatur contra stimulum calcitrare, et salutaribus monitis inflexibiliter resistere, quam ad ea servanda quæ præcepta sunt divinitus obedire. Et quia parum est vitæ eis Catholicæ regulas tradere, nisi sint per quos regulæ ipsæ executioni debitæ demandentur, vertitur in irritum quod per ecclesiam imperatur, immo certe in dampnationis augmentum hujusmodi mandata prævaricantibus; necesse habemus armatis

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia, ii. 174.

manibus comprimere hujusmodi quasi spinas. Sane a principio, quo dignatus est Summus Imperator se humano generi propalare, regulas Decalogi ad vitæ æternæ obtentum necessarias tradidit populo, ad suam gratiam excitando, et speciali recommendatione præceptum de Sabbato conservando omni servili opere sequestrato, ut in eo populus tota mente vitæ regulis tanquam summæ lucis speculis inhæreret. Cui sabbato sollempnitates ecclesiæ et præcipue dies Dominicus subrogantur. Cujus gratia nos, pro salute populi de qua habemus in tremendo judicio respondere, ipsas sollempnitates tota diligentia mandavimus observari, et mandatum regium procuravimus ad hoc ipsum, ut saltem metu pœnæ ab inobedientia tanti piaculi filios Belial traheremus. Nec tamen ad hoc sufficiunt divinorum publicatio mandatorum, nec officii nostri ministerium, quin invalescentibus cupiditate et superbia falsorum Christianorum, aures proclives ad noxia et ad salutaria graves, præ ceteris sollempnitates ecclesiæ vertant in opprobrium, propriæ salutis immemores, et legum Altissimi contemptores. Nos igitur quid faciamus ulterius non habentes, vobis districte præcipimus ut per omnimodam censuram ecclesiasticam rebelles ad sollempnitates observandas ecclesiasticas reducatis subditos vestros quantumlibet renitentes, volentes ut in talibus pertinaces, quos finalis pœnitentiæ igniculus non emollit, decedentes ecclesiastica careant sepultura. Et quicunque sacerdotum in præsentia talium manifeste contumacium divina præsumpserint celebrare, ipso facto ab officio et beneficio sint suspensi. Nomina nichilominus talium clericorum et laicorum nobis scribere non tardetis, ut contra eos invocemus brachium sæculare. Et quid inde feceritis, nobis citra festum Assumptionis ubicunque fuerimus rescribatis. Publicationem autem præsentium literarum, et executionem de qua in eis mentio habetur, vestræ diligentiæ commendamus, contra vos invocantes divinæ maledictionis

tonitruum si in hiis exequendis fueritis negligens aut remissus. Valete. Datum apud Wengeham, xvi. kal. Augusti.

DCCXVI.

To the Minister General of the Friars Minors.

1291. 12 Aug. Denies that the earl of Cornwall's appeal to Rome is adjudged legitimate. R. f. 140 b.

Venerabili in Christo patri, fratri R[aymundo] generali ministro ordinis Minorum,[1] frater J[ohannes], permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Si comes Cornubiæ pro vobis miserit, ut per ipsum sanctitatis vestræ vestigia dirigatis, sciatis quod hoc est per fratrum rumusculos procuratum, qui per talia dissolvunt nervum ecclesiasticæ disciplinæ. Et quod dicit, quod ipsius appellatio est in Romana curia tanquam legitima reputata, noveritis esse falsum, quod cito declarabimus per Dei gratiam esse falsum. Nec possetis sine scandalo plurimorum cum ipso colloquium prolongare, nec sine offensa gravi comitis Gloverniæ et suorum etiam amicorum. Rogamus igitur ut ab hujusmodi fratrum illectionibus sollicite caveatis; scientes quod instantiam partis cito jure urgente cogemur contra ipsum maximum ab antiquo ecclesiæ inimicum sententiam aggravare, quem ex causis aliis credimus esse juris sententiis innodatum. Potestis igitur quatenus jura permittunt cum ipso caritatis habere tractatum, monendo ipsum ut ad ecclesiasticam redeat unitatem. Ultra quam formam nulli viventi daremus licentiam suæ præsumptionis uti colloquio, quia sine Dei injuria hoc facere non possemus. Valete. Datum die Sanctæ Claræ apud Mortelake.

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[1] Raymundus Gualfredi, Minister General, 1278 to 1295. Wadding Annales Minorum, v. 52, 338.

DCCXVII.

To the Dean and Chapter of Exeter.

1291. 1 Nov. Asks permission for the Friars Minors at Exeter to make an exchange of land.[1] R. f. 141 b.

Frater J[ohannes], Dei permissione, etc., carissimis in Christo filiis discretis viris decano et capitulo Exon', assistentiam Paracliti in agendis et donum summæ benedictionis. Scitis, carissimi, qualiter de ordine Minorum Fratrum ad pastorale officium et regimen ecclesiæ divina miseratio nos assumpsit, nec patitur lex gratitudinis quod fratres ipsos in suis angustiis oblivionis piaculo commendemus, per quos quippe sumus id modicum, quod dedit Altissimus ipsorum utique meritis nobis esse. Quia igitur fratres ipsi in civitate vestra Exon' in loco desolabili consistentes, possunt per gratiam vestram cum omnimoda indemnitate vestra et ecclesiæ, permutatione cujusdam areæ sibi per amicos suos spirituales, si vos id propter Deum duxeritis acceptandum, faciliter procurandæ; vos rogamus affectu quo possumus ampliori, quatenus vestrum hujusmodi permutationi præbere velitis assensum, nec timere oportet carentiam legitimi defensoris, cum sola in hac parte quæratur opportunitas Summo Imperatori legitime et acceptabiliter serviendi, nec possit, cum apparuerit dante Domino defensor ille legitimus, in pœnis et oppressione Christi pauperum delectari. Tantum igitur obtentu precum nostrarum facere curetis, ut omnium Dominus qui se in pauperibus colligi asserit, vobis in examine novissimo cum æterna gratiarum actione pro hoc pietatis officio gratuletur, et nos ad vestræ caritatis amplexum merito provocemur; qui quicquid ipsis feceritis in hac parte, nobis factum esse proculdubio reputamus. Quid autem inde facere decreveritis, nobis per exhibitorem præsentium rescribatis. Valete, etc. Datum apud Terring', kalendis Novembris.

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[1] Printed in Wilkins' Concilia II., 175.

DCCXVIII.

To Edward I.

1292. 12 July Intimates to the king that he has confirmed the election of Geoffrey of Boughton as abbot of St. Saviours' Faversham. Royal Letters, 1860. R.O.

Excellentissimo principi domino Edwardo, Dei gratia regi Angliæ illustri, domino Hyberniæ et duci Aquitaniæ, frater Johannes, permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, totius Angliæ primas, salutem et prosperos ad vota successus. Excellentiæ regiæ præsentibus innotescat, quod nos electionem nuper factam in ecclesia conventuali Sancti Salvatoris de Faversham, nostræ diœcesis, de religioso viro fratre Galfrido de Boctone, dicti loci suppriore, in abbatem ejusdem monasterii et pastorem, nobis præsentatam ex parte . . prioris et conventus dicti loci, quam per diligentem examinationem de sufficienti et idonea persona invenimus per omnia rite et canonice celebratam, auctoritate diœcesana duximus confirmandam, eidem plenam spiritualium administrationem prædicti monasterii concedentes. Quocirca serenitatem vestram attentis precibus exoramus, quatenus cum prædicto electo misericorditer agere dignemini in hiis quæ ad regiam pertinent dignitatem. Custodiat Dominus excellentiam vestram per tempora longiora. Datum apud Otteford', iiii. idus Julii, anno Domini millesimo cc. nonagesimo secundo.

DCCXIX.

To John de Lewes, Rector of Buxted.

1292. 28 July. Licence to build a chapel at Gillridge. R. f. 29.

Frater Johannes, permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, dilecto filio Johanni de Lewes, rectori ecclesiæ de Bocstede, Cicestrensis diœcesis, et nostræ immediatæ jurisdictionis, salutem in Domino Jesu Christo. Literas sanctissimi patris felicis memoriæ domini Nicolai papæ quarti, non cancellatas, non abolitas, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas

dudum per te recepimus in hæc verba:—Nicolaus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri . . archiepiscopo Cantuariensi salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Ex parte dilecti filii Johannis rectoris ecclesiæ de Bocstede, Cicestrensis diœcesis, fuit propositum coram nobis quod universitas hominum villæ de Gelderegg' infra limites parochialis ecclesiæ de Bocstede consistentis, dictæ diœcesis, adeo sunt ab illa remota quod ad ipsam, præcipue hiemali tempore propter inundationes aquarum et viarum discrimina, non possunt accedere pro divinis officiis audiendis et percipiendis ecclesiasticis sacramentis; propter quod ipsis ad ecclesiam de Withihamme eis magis vicinam se transferentibus pro prædictis, eadem ecclesia de Bocstede juribus parochialibus ab eis sibi debitis non modicum defraudatur. Quare dictus rector nobis humiliter supplicavit, ut cum ex hoc eidem ecclesiæ non modicum immineat detrimentum, construendi capellam infra dictam parochiam in fundo dictæ ecclesiæ de Bocstede eidem universitati vicino, quæ ab eadem ecclesia matrice dependeat, ac habendi capellanum proprium in eadem, a quo ipsi homines dictæ villæ possint hujusmodi audire divina et sacramenta percipere prælibata, ita quod decimæ, oblationes ac obventiones aliæ ex capella provenientes eadem ad ecclesiam de Bocstede pertineant memoratam, licentiam sibi concedere dignaremur. Nos autem plenam gerentes de tua circumspectione fiduciam, qui de hiis habere poteris notitiam pleniorem, cum dicta ecclesia de Bocstede a jurisdictione venerabilis fratris nostri . . episcopi Cicestrensis fore dicatur exempta, tibique immediate subjecta, fraternitati tuæ per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatenus, si expedire videris, eidem rectori postulata concedas sine juris præjudicio alieni. Datum apud Urbem Veterem, v. kal. Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno iiii°.

Nos itaque, diligenter inspectis hiis quæ nobis in hiis literis demandantur, et consideratis earum cir-

cumstantiis universis, quia tam per fidelem inquisitionem quam super hoc vocatis vocandis fieri fecimus, quam etiam fama publica referente didicimus, quod villa sive locus de Gelderegg' cum mansionibus vicinis et contiguis, quæ ibidem de nostro sunt territorio, infra limites ecclesiæ de Bocstede consistit et fuisse dinoscitur ab antiquo, in quo populi habitantes ab ecclesia sua matrice de Bocstede adeo sunt remoti, quod ad ipsam hiemali præcipue tempore non possunt accedere pro divinis officiis audiendis et percipiendis ecclesiasticis sacramentis; quodque propter hoc ipsis non sine gravi animarum suarum dispendio ad ecclesiam de Withihamme, alienæ jurisdictionis et alterius etiam patronatus, eis magis vicinam, se transferentibus pro prædictis, eadem ecclesia de Bocstede juribus parochialibus ab eis sibi debitis non modicum defraudatur; quod insuper ibidem apud eos antiquitus solebat esse capella in qua presbyter de Bocstede, qui fuit pro tempore, interdum ceteris diebus in ebdomada ministrabat; volentes in hac parte indigenti populo, sicut multipliciter expedire conspicimus, subvenire, et ne ecclesiæ prædictæ tam enorme de cetero immineat detrimentum, construendi capellam infra dictam parochiam in loco qui vocatur Scherche, ubi alias capella fuisse refertur, qui quidem locus sicut et situs ecclesiæ prædictæ de Bocstede in eisdem finibus de nostro existit territorio, et etiam patronatu, ita quod ab ecclesia de Bocstede tanquàm matrice dependeat, decimæ, oblationes ac obventiones aliæ ex capella provenientes eadem ad ipsam ecclesiam pertineant, ac habendi in ea proprium capellanum a quo homines prædicti possint audire divina et ecclesiastica percipere sacramenta, qui congruam de prædictis obventionibus sustentationem habeat, apostolica auctoritate prædicta tibi præsentium tenore licentiam concedimus postulatam. Præsertim cum nec rector ecclesiæ prædictæ de Withihamme seu quivis alius in hac parte contradictor appareat, qui constructionem capellæ hujusmodi pro-

ponat in juris sui præjudicium redundare, quamquam hoc satis denunciatum fuerit tam in ecclesia de Withihamme quam aliis vicinis ecclesiis adjacentibus, prout hæc omnia ex processu per nos habito de præmissis plenius apparent, noscuntur. In cujus rei testimonium et perpetuam memoriam præsentes literas tibi fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Otteford, v. kal. Augusti, anno Domini MCC. nonagesimo secundo, ordinationis nostræ quartodecimo.

DCCXX.

To John de Lewes, Rector of Buxted.

[1292.] [28 July.] Grant of land to build the chapel on. R. f. 29.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod nos, frater Johannes, permissione Divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, assensu capituli ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, dedimus, concessimus et pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum confirmamus dilecto clerico et familiari nostro domino Johanni de Lewes, rectori ecclesiæ de Bocstede, nostri patronatus et immediatæ jurisdictionis, in diœcese Cicestrense, pro compensatione seu restitutione cujusdam areæ sive placeæ nunc in terram redactæ fructiferam, ubi antiquitus capella fuisse asseritur ab ecclesia prædicta dependens, duas acras terræ jacentes in wasto nostro super montem de Cranbergh', in eodem loco qui dicitur et vulgariter nominatur Scherche juxta Gelderegg', ad construendam ibidem capellam cum cimiterio, prout eidem rectori auctoritate apostolica est concessum. Habendum et tenendum eidem Johanni et successoribus suis de nobis et nostris successoribus libere, quiete, integre, bene et in pace imperpetuum. Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris unum denarium in festo Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ, pro omnibus serviciis,

consuetudinibus, exactionibus, sectis curiæ, heriettis, releviis et omnibus aliis demandis sæcularibus. Et nos Johannes Cantuariensis archiepiscopus supradictus, et successores nostri, prædictas duas acras terræ cum suis pertinentiis prædicto Johanni et successoribus suis per prædictum liberum servitium contra omnes gentes warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et in omnibus defendemus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium præsentem cartam sigilli nostri fecimus appensione muniri. Hiis testibus, dominis Rogero la Ware, Rogero de Leukenore, et Ricardo le Waleys, militibus, Ada de Bifing', Gilberto Erch, Roberto de Hemstede, Johanne de Hindedale, Willelmo Herkebaud, Ricardo le Somenur, Willelmo de Gelderegg', Alexandro atte Stone, Radulpho Daly, et multis aliis.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

Translation of Letters in French.

DLXV.

To Edward I.

To the right honourable prince and lord Edward, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine, friar John, by the permission of God priest of Canterbury Primate of all England, greeting in great reverence. Sire, it appears to me that the people of Wales is too savage, and grievously malicious, as to many of them, and little knowing good, and a nation lost without profit to the world. And if you please, you may lightly put a remedy in this manner, unless a better is found. First, Sire, their savageness, with other evils, arises chiefly from this, that they do not dwell together, but each far from the other. And therefore, Sire, if you wish them to be reformed according to God and the world, and their savageness taken away, command them to dwell together in towns. This did an emperor anciently to the Burgundians, who were robbers and murderers, and dwelt all separated and far from each other; for he caused them to assemble and dwell in boroughs, and therefore they are called Burgundians. Besides this, Sire, the evil nature of the Welsh arises much from their idleness, for they are idle, and therefore they think all evil. And therefore, Sire, command that each according to his estate should do every day something, so that it may be known how each one gets his living. And I have commanded, on the other hand, the sacraments of Holy Church to be refused to the idle, because no one is in a state of salvation who does no profit to the world. And therefore, Sire, order the manner of living called *Wysshanbaghan*[1] to be entirely abolished. Besides this, Sire, the

1284. 4 July.

[1] Wysshanbaghan, *i.e.*, Gweison Bychain, young lads. "Each tenant under the prince was bound to present his son to the prince upon attaining the age of fourteen, at which period he became independent of his father. These youths were under the superintendence of the chief of the household, and passed their time in perambulating the country and marauding in the Marches." Aneurin Owen's Welsh Laws, p. 1002.

people will never know right nor be good, until there are folk who can teach them. And this can not be unless they are compelled to send their children into England to be taught learning and manners, for the clergy of the country know little more than the layfolk. Wherefore Sire, to you who are their lord, I deliver my conscience in the faith which I owe to you, that never will this nation be in a state of prosperity or sure peace, or be profitable to the world, until they dwell together and work as other folk, and until they are educated by folk who can and will teach them. Besides this, Sire, if it seems good to you that my lord St. Thomas should be planted in your new conquest, as you have promised, if you recollect, do your pleasure therein, not indeed for me, for the very great honour which your folk have done to me and to mine throughout the world by your orders, satisfies me well. Sire, God reward you for them, and keep you for ever.

This letter was written at Newport the morrow of the translation of St. Thomas.

DXC.

To Edward I.

[1284.] 2 Sept. To the right honourable prince and lord Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine, friar John, by the permission of God priest of Canterbury, primate of all England, greeting and great reverence. Sire, by the power of the reason which God has given you, you know well that no chance happens in earth, that does not previously pass by the judgment of the heavenly Emperor and his court. There is commanded the doing of all good and the endurance of all evils, for by one evil often He chastises others. And therefore, Sire, we believe surely that the very grievous chance which lately happened, of the death of the child who was the hope of all of us, has happened both for his good, that the wickedness of the age may not corrupt him; and to chastise the wickedness of the people, which increases from day to day, for thus said the holy Samuel to the people of old: "If ye," said he "shall still do wickedly, ye "shall be consumed, both ye and your king."[1] Therefore, Sire, take comfort in our Lord, and conform your will to that which is ordained by God, and compel yourself to lessen the wickedness of your people by example of true innocence, and our Lord be

[1] 1 Samuel xii. 25.

your solace and your aid. And know that I shall be employed with all my power about the things which you have sent me. Sire, God have you in his keeping for ever.

This letter was written at Waltham the second day of September.

DCXI.

To the Abbess and Convent of Godstow.

Friar John, by the permission of God priest of Canterbury, Primate of all England, to his very dear daughters the Abbess of Godstow and the Convent, greeting and the blessing of God. Know that we do not consider that evil report has been raised against your subprioress, on account of which it is necessary for her to be put to purgation; nor ever have we heard any religious or secular person say of her any word of suspicion of carnal sin, therefore we hold her as pure and chaste as to all carnality. But we wish her to beware of words whence suspicion may arise. And besides, we forbid any nun speaking to any secular man, unless two other nuns, good and of good renown, hear what is said to her and what she says. 1284. 12 Nov.

And all those who do otherwise, we will that they be separated from the community, as the rule orders with malefactors, and kept thus until they are seen to be purely repentant. And know, if you, abbess, do not have this ordinance kept, we will apply such a penalty that you will feel it, according to the discipline of religion. Besides this, we forbid on God's behalf, any nun speaking to a scholar of Oxford, unless he is her near relative, and also without the special leave of the abbess. And this same we mean of all strange priests, who do much harm in many places, and also of all religious who do not come to preach or to confess by the authority of the Pope and the Bp. of Lincoln. And we forbid any other religious to be received there at night, and this on pain of excommunication. Besides this, we forbid any nun entering the guest hall or any chamber or house without the cloister, unless she goes in the company of the abbess or the prioress. And if any do the contrary, we desire her to be separated from the convent, until she has shown her innocence perfectly. And because she is disobedient to our ordinances, she shall be shut up in a chamber for five days in penance. And what we say above of scholars, priests, and religious persons, we mean of all others, but more especially of the foresaid three sort of folk; because from them slander may much more lightly arise. And know that if you do not have these things kept, you

will find us more difficult in your business, if you happen to have need of us. And we wish this letter to be read on the first of each month. God have you in his keeping.

This letter was given on Sunday after Martinmas, at Notley, the year of the Incarnation of Our Lord 1284, and of our ordination the sixth.

DCXCVII.

To the Earl of Gloucester.

[1289.] [4 June.] To his very dear friend, lord Gilbert earl of Gloucester and Hertford, the priest of Canterbury, greeting and blessing. Sire, we have heard assuredly from persons so credible, that we cannot doubt their word, that on the morrow of Whitsunday last past, the earl of Hereford came to Abingdon before our very dear lords and friends the bishop of Durham and the earl of Cornwall, asserting and affirming that you have not kept the covenants lately had between you and him, and recorded and agreed by both parties before the foresaid lords, and before us, in the little chapel of our lord the king at Westminster; and he prays and requires that those to whom it belongs, should apply a remedy thereto. Wherefore, Sire, we pray and require you as heartily as we can, that if you have in any way transgressed the foresaid form, you will have it so well and so soon amended that the murmur may be stilled, especially before the coming of our lord the king, whom we expect immediately. And whatever they say of this transgression, we cannot well believe it, for you were so tractable before us for the honour of God and of the king, that we do not think that you would upset it, especially just before the coming of our lord the king. The points of which he speaks, we do not send you, for no one sent them to us specially. But you may know well of what things he means to speak, for there are not many points in this matter. Sire, for God's sake, by well doing shut the mouths of evil speakers, and send your will therein to us, who much desire your peace and your honour, so that we may satisfy the others who are aggrieved. Sire, God have you in his keeping.

This letter was given at Aldyngton the eve of the Trinity.

DCCII.

To Robert Malet.

Friar John, by the permission of God priest of Canterbury, to his very dear friend and ghostly son, Sir Robert Malet, greeting, grace and blessing. Sir, I received your letter the day of Lady Saint Cecilia, and I understood well by your letters that you have no desire to vex the Friars, and you tell me that you wish to hear good news of the king, to whom I have sent my messages. And know, Sir, that I have sent Sir Nicholas de Knouvile and Master Reynold de Wraudon, and a foot messenger with letters, and I have as yet no reply. Wherefore I think certainly that the king is deliberating, and that he will do some kindness, which I desire more to hear for the honour of the king and yourself, than I do for Thomas Weyland. For know that the said Thomas, as I have heard, since I wrote to you formerly, is a subdeacon, and he is not a bigamist, although since he was subdeacon, he kept two gentlewomen one after the other, but wife he never married, and cannot suffer death by law, and whoever will do the contrary, let him know that he will incur such a sentence that he must go to Rome to be absolved. Sir, again I pray you to have pity on the friars, for they were never so illtreated in Christendom as they are under your hands, albeit it is against your will, as I believe. Besides this, Sir, I do not believe that they have ever done anything against the king's crown. For to the crown belongs not only cruelty and rigour of justice, but still more, pity and mercy. By the which Holy Church, by the King's will, saves evildoers by sanctuary of the Church, by orders, and by religious habit, as appears in the North Country, where murderers after their crime, betake themselves as converts to the great abbeys of Cistercians and are safe. Sir, God have you in his keeping. 1289. 22 Nov.

This letter was written the day of St. Cecilia at Fulham, the year of the Incarnation, 1289.

DCCIII.

To the Earl of Cornwall.

To his very dear friend and lord Edmund earl of Cornwall, the priest of Canterbury greeting and blessing. Know, Sire, that I have spoken to my lady the Countess, according to the bull, as to two points which it contains. The first is that the [1289.] 1 Dec.

Pope orders me to interfere to make peace between you and her. The second is, Sir, as you know, that I should induce her to be willing to vow perpetual chastity, if I cannot make peace. Sir, as to the first, she replied to me that she desires peace between you and herself, more than anything in the world, and says also that she does not believe that the trouble caused to her comes from your heart. To the other point, she replied that she is not advised to vow chastity, because this would be, if she did it, as much as to corroborate the blame and the falsehoods which are put upon her, as she says; and she prays me very heartily that I should interfere to make peace between you and her; and some other reasons urge me that I ought by reason of my office to do more in it than the pope's letter purports. Wherefore, Sir, because I hear that the lady's state is weak and dangerous, and that she desires above everything to have peace with you, and your good will, I advised and forbade her to leave this country, until I have spoken to you at leisure, and know your will more fully, and until the matter comes near to some good end. Wherefore, Sir, I beg and require you to come to me as soon as you can, saving your honour. And know, Sir, that I would willingly come to you, if it were not for hindering my visitation, in which I am; by which without other commands, I am bound to amend all the notorious defaults which concern the circuit of the bishopric in which I am visiting. And, Sir, what you will do therein, send me word by the bearer of this letter, for I wish to abate this slander if God gives me the power, nor can I neglect it without great sin. Sir, God have you in his keeping. This letter was given at Fulham, the first day of December, where I shall remain, if it please God, until St. Nicholas day or thereabouts.

APPENDIX II.

As the preceding letters are only a selection from the Register, an abstract of the whole of the contents is given here.

The Roman numerals (Nos. I., II., &c.) refer to the numbers of the letters as printed.

The dates of the years are given as in the MS.; the modern computation for dates between Jan. 1 and March 24 being added in brackets.

LITERÆ TEMPORALITATIS A.D. 1279.

f. 1. Memoranda of homages and fealties performed by G. earl of Gloucester, for the honour of Tunbridge at Lymynges, 5 Id. Jun. The form used was as follows:—"Sire R. par le grace de Deu [arceveske] de Canterbir, etc.,[1] Joe deveng vostre homme en "contre tuz ceus ki poent vivre et murir de la terre que joe tieng "de vus sauve la foy le Roy'. Et l'arceveske le receut sauve "sun droit et lautri. La fealte est ceste. Joe porterai bone foy "al arceveske de Canterbir', Johan par la Grace Deu, de vie et "de membre et de terrien honur, et lealment conustray et feray "les servises et les custumes que la terre doit que joe claim de "vus tenir. Se Deu mait e les soinz." Bertinus de Cryel knt.
f. 1 b. for one knt.'s fee and a half; Warris de Valoniis:—Lymmyng. id. Jun. Wm. de Monte Canino, for a knight's fee at Prestone.; Thos. de Marinis for half a knight's fee at Almestede:—18 kal. Jul., John de Burne, for the twentieth part of a knight's fee at Burne:
f. 2. —14 kal. Jul. at Lymmyng. Alan de Tuycham, knt., for the fourth of a knight's fee at Tyycham; Ralph Perot for half a knight's fee at Retling:—13 kal. Jul. at Lymmyng, John de Frethenseye for half a knight's fee at Wodynton:—11 kal. Jul. at Wingham, Ric. de Dovor for half a knight's fee at Retlinges: Thos. de Guodwineston for a fourth part of a knight's fee at Guodwineston; Ric. de Dene for an eighth part of a knight's fee in Dene:—9 kal. Jul. at Cherringes, Hen. Grelly for a third part of a knight's fee at Thynegate in Smethe:—6 kal. Jul. John Malemayns for a knight's fee in Pluckele: John de Bockele, for the fourth part of a knight's fee at Otteford:—4 kal. Jul. at Cherrynges,
f. 2 b. Thos. de Bendinges, for the 20th part of a knight's fee at Neweland in Cherring:—3 cal. Jul. Ric. de Granham for a knight's fee and a half at Granham; Alex. de Balliol for half a knight's fee in Hatfeld; Ralph de Casingeham for an eighth of a knight's fee at Casingeham and Fremyngeham:—kal. Jul. at Cranebroc, Hen. de Berham, for half a knight's fee:—same day at Magefeld,

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[1] These words are interlined.

Ric. de Waleis; Roger la Ware for one knight's fee in Hisefeld:—Id. Jul. at Southmalling, Hen. de Appletrefeud for one knight's fee in Sondres:—17 kal. Sept. at Mortlake, Sir Wm. Detteling for one knight's fee in Detteling:—9 kal. Sept. Sir Roger de Leukenor for half a knight's fee in Grenested:—2 kal. Sept. at Otford, Ralph de Loveland for half a knight's fee in Loveland; John de Scepsted for a quarter of a knight's fee in Scepsted; Wm. de Faukeham:—5 kal. Sept. at Cestehunt, Osbertus de
f. 3. Longo Campo for one knight's fee in Donington:—At Otteford. Non. Sept. Adam de Banante, knt. for $3\frac{1}{20}$ knight's fees in Bockinge:—3 id. Sept. at Maydenston, Walter de la Bockeland for the 20th part of a knight's fee in Bockeland:—Id. Sept. at Cerring, John de Schaftested, for a 40th part of a knight's fee in Schaftested; Wm. de Dodington, for half a knight's fee in Dodington; at Chertham, same day, Roger de Tylemanston, knt. for a quarter and an eighth of a knight's fee at Stormeu:—15 kal. Oct. at Chertham, Wm. de Hawte for half a knight's fee in Wodenhale and Densted:—8 cal. Oct. at Teneham, Ralph Fitz Bernard for three knights' fees in Sibeton and Romenale:—4 Non. Oct. at Chertham, Robt. de Septem Vannis for a knight's
f. 3 b. fee and a half in Romenale:—5 id. Oct. at Otteford, John Planace:—13 kal. Nov. at Lameh, John de Malevile for one fee in Hasted:—12 kal. Nov. Thos. de Thymeford for half a fee in Schepeye:—11 kal. Nov. Nic. Sifrewaster for an eighth of a fee in Stormue:—6 kal. Nov. Wm. de Hasting for half a fee in Codington:—6 id. Nov. at Mortlake, Wm. de Brok for a knight's fee in Haruwes and Hese; John de Pilardeston for half a fee in Hese.

1281. 6 kal. Jul. at Slyndon, Alice, widow of Peter de la Faleyse for half a knight's fee in Westlovente.[1]

f. 4. 1286[-7]. Ordin 8. 16 kal. April at Cherring, John de Sellynge for a knight's fee at Pluckele:—Wm. de Chelesfeld for half a knight's fee in Frenyngham:—1287, Ordin. 9. Sat. before St. Edmund's day, at Wyngeham. Thos. de Mortone, knt. for 20 acres at Sturnemuth which is the 8th part of a knight's fee:—

1289. Ordin. 11. 13 kal. Jun. in the chapel of La Hothe in the parish of Racolvere, Alice de la Faleyse for half a knight's fee in Westlovente:—17 kal. Nov. at Mortelake, John, son of Hen Baudewine of Risbergh, for half a knight's fee in Risbergh.

1290. 7 kal. Oct. at Bocking, Ralph "Faber" of Coggeshal, for the land of John Pointel in Parva Coggeshal:—

1290[-1]. 3 id. Jan. at Slindon, Hamo de Woxedone for Woxedone in the parish of Herghes:—1291. 4 kal. Maii, at Otford, Wm. de Dettling for the land of Wm. his father:—5 Non. Maii, at Otte-

[1] There are a few entries of a different kind interspersed among these memoranda of homages. They will be found at pp. 999 and 1000.

ford. Hen. Huse for a fourth of a knight's fee in Sturmuwe and another in Dene, held by Henry his father :—

1291[-2]. 7 id. Mart. at Bocton. Warris de Valeynes for a knight's fee in Swerdling and three eighths of a fee in Sturmuth : —17 kal. April at Canterbury, Hamo de Mekingebroke [1] :—1292, 8 cal. Jul. at Otteford. J. de Cobeham for a fourth part of a knight's fee in Clive.

Homages and fealties in the Archiepiscopate of Robt. Winchelsey.

1302. 8 cal. Oct. at Lymyng, John de Stoke, for half a knight's
f. 4 b. fee in Westlovent.

1303. 2 Nov., in the hall of the prior of Chertham, Barth. de S. Leodegario for 2 knight's fees in Olecumbe and one in Lossenham :—3 id. Oct. at Aldington, Godfrey le Waleys, brother and heir of Richard Waleys for 3 knts. fees at Glind, Sussex, Bocsted and Caumton and Lossenham, Kent :—14 kal. Dec., at Chartham, John son and heir of John Malemeyns, knight, for 3½ quarters of a fee in Plukele in Calhull hundred :—4 id. Dec., in the manor of Roger Savage (viz., in the hall of Bobbing). Roesia heiress of Sir Roger de Tylemanston, for a fourth of a knight's fee in Stormouthe.

1304. 2 Non. Oct. at Charing. Christina, widow of Wm. de Kirkebi for a knight's fee :—

1306. 4 kal. April at Gilingeham. Hen. de Aketon for half a knight's fee in Aketon and Hakynton :—1308. 5 Non. Maii, at Lameheth, Nic. Poyntz for one knight's fee in Lullingstone :— 4 id. Jun. at Wrotham, John brother and heir of John de Sandhurst for half a knight's fee in Tilmanston :—6 id. Nov. at Lameh,
f. 5. Ralph Bluet for one knight's fee in Thorne in the hundred of Hean :—1309. 8 cal. Nov. at Wengham, John de Retlyng for half a fee in Retlyng :—

1309[-10]. 1 March. Wm. Inge and Nic. Cryel for the barony of Heynesford :—Edm. de Passele for half a knight's fee in Wytrechesham, a third of a knight's fee for the manor of Thengate in Smethe, and for the manor of Cramesham in Sussex :—Roger de Kyrkeby for the barony of Hortone :—1310, 7 kal. Aug. at Cherring, Thos. de Rokesle for half a knight's fee in Burle and Hole, late held by John de Bernefeud, in Calehulle hundred :—

1310[-11]. 3 Non. Feb. at South Malling, Hen. de Bourne, for the twentieth part of a knight's fee in Bourne and Dodynton.

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f. 1. Commissions to Stephen de Yford as steward of all the lands belonging to the archbishopric, Lymmynges, 4 id. Jun. :—to Walter rector of Lovintone (Lavington), bailiff of the Manor of Pageham.

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[1] Metingebroke in margin.

Lymmynges, 7 id. Jun;—to Wm. Norman to defend the rights of the see before John de Reygate and other justices in Surrey and Sussex. Lymmynge, 5 id. Jun.:—to Thos. rector of Chertham, as treasurer of Canterbury; to Stephen de Lymmyng, as bailiff of Romenal, Lymmyng, 3 id. Jun.:—to Wm. Erch, as bailiff of Subire (?); to the abbott of St. Radegundis, as steward
f. 1 b. of all the lands of the see, Lymmynge, prid. id. Jun.:—to Hen. de Ledes as steward of the liberties of the see before justices at Rochester, Lymmynge, id. Jun.

Perambulation of the Lowy of Tunbridge, morrow of St. Matthias, 1258[-9], 43 Hen. III.

f. 2. Appointment of Hen. de Ledes as steward of the liberties of the church at Canterbury. 7 kal. Jul.

Edw. I. to the keepers of the mint at Canterbury, to allow the Abp. to exercise his rights there. Canterbury 21 Jun. 7 Edw. I.

f. 2 b. Edward I. to the justices in eyre in Sussex, forbidding them to adjourn pleas concerning inhabitants of the *banleuca* of Tunbridge to Chichester. Westm. 4 Jul. 7 Edw. I.

Edward I. to the justices in eyre in Sussex, bidding them preserve the archbishop's liberties. Westm. 4 Jul. 7 Edw. I.

Appointment of Hen. Lovel as steward of lands. South Malling. 14 cal. Aug.

f. 3. Memoranda of bonds to Henry "Wallensis" for wine and cattle brought from him, and to John de Leukenore, for 50 marks, dated 8 id., 5 id., and 4 id., Sept.[1]

Bond for a loan by John Digge of Canterbury. Sturry, 13 cal. Oct. 1279.

Grant of a pension of 100*s.* to Stephen de Suchie, clerk of the archbishop's chamber, at the King's request. Faversham 8 cal. Oct.[1]

Grant of the custody of the temporalities of the Priory of St. Gregory, Canterbury, to Adam de Rouceby. Patricksbourne, 13 cal. Oct.

Bond for 2,000 marks to the king for last year's crops bought by the archbishop. Ledes. 4 cal. Oct. 1279.[1]

f. 3 b. Bond for a loan of 100*l.* from William de Luda. Lambeth. 8 cal. Nov.[1]

Order to Henry de Waleys to repair the chapel at Lambeth 4 cal. Jan. 1280. Consecr. 2.

To the Prior of St. John's. No. CCLXIX.

Literæ directæ domino Papæ et aliis diversis.

f. 9. i. Licence to Theobald de la Bell, rector of Dicheninges (Ditchling) to study for 3 years. Pontigny 3 id. Mai. 1279

ii. To Margaret Q. of France. No. I.

[1] These entries are crossed out.

iii. Power to Ric. de Nedham to borrow 400 marks. 18 May "mcclxxviii." (Satisfactum est ad plenum.)
iv. To Pope Nicholas III. No. II.

f. 9 b. i. To the Bp. of Tusculum. No. III.
ii. Kilwardby's licence to Peter Alby, similar to the following doct. Hadfeld, Non. Oct. 1277.
iij. To Peter Albi. No. V.
iv. To John de Porogiis. No. IV.

f. 10. i. To Robt., Count of Boulogne and Auvergne. No. VI.
ii. To Nicholas III. No. VIII.
iij. To John de Chishull, Bp. of London. No. VII.
iv. To the Dean of Lincoln. No. XIV.
v. Mem. of the institution of Robt. Baudewyn to the vicarage of Sittingbourne, presented by the Prioress of Clerkenwell. Non. Jun. 1279:—8 id. Jun. Hen. de Eastria to the vicarage of Lytleburn, presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's Canterbury; 6 Non. Jun. Maurice de Dulbanagh, to Kyngeston ch., presented by Alex. de Ballio (*sic*): *litera captionis* issued against Theobald, prior of Barnstaple.

Literæ directæ domino Papæ et Cardinalibus.

f. 11. i. To Nicholas III. No. XV.

f. 11 b. i. To Latinus, Bp. of Ostia and Velletri. No. XVI.
ii. To the Bp. of Tusculum. No. XVII.
iij. To Card. Matthew Rubeus Ursinus. No. XXV.

f. 12. i. To Robt. Kilwardby, late Archbp. No. XLI.
ii. To Cardinal Orsini. No. XLII.
iij. To the Bishop of Tusculum. No. XLIII.

f. 12 b. i. To Benedict Gaietano. No. XLIV.
ii. To Gentilis. No. XLV.
iij. To Anselm. No. XXVII.
iv. To Cardinal Orsini. No. CXXI.

f. 13. i. To Nicholas III. No. CXVI.
ij. To Nicholas III. No. CXVIII.
iij. To Peter, Papal Vice-Chancellor. No. CLX.

f. 13 b. i. To Cardinal Orsini. No. CLXXIII.
ii. To Martin IV. No. CLXXX.
iij. To Cardinal Hugh of Evesham. No. CLXXXVI.
iv. To Cardinal Hugh of Evesham. No. CXCII.

f. 14. i. To Martin IV. No. CCXXXV.

f. 15. i. To Martin IV. No. CCLVI.
ii. To Bertrand de Languisello, Bishop of Porto. No. CCLXXII.

f. 15 b. i. To Cardinal Glusiano de Casate. No. CCLXXIII.
ij. To Girardus Blancus, Bishop of Sabinum. No. CCLXXXV.
iij. To Cardinal Jacobo Savelli. No. CCXCI.

f. 16. i. To Jerome of Ascoli, Bishop of Palestrina. No. CCXCII.
ij. To Cardinal Benedict Gaetano. No. CCCVI.
f. 16 b. i. To Cardinal Benedict Gaetano. No. CCCXX.
ij. To Cardinal Benedict Gaetano. No. CCCLXXVI.
f. 17. i. To Cardinal Chioletti. No. CCCXCIII.
ij. To Cardinal Giordano Orsini. No. CCCXCIV.
iij. To Cardinal Geoffroi de Barbeau. No. CCCCXIX.
f. 17 b. i. To Cardinal Matthew Orsini. No. CCCCXXII.
ij. To Cardinal Gaetano. No. CCCCXXXII.
f. 18. i. To Cardinal Hugh of Evesham. No. CCCCXLIV.
ij. To Martin IV. No. CCCCLXII.
iij. To Martin IV. No. CCCCLXVIII.
f. 18 b. i. To the Bishop of Tusculum. No. CCCCLXIX.
ij. To Cardinal Giordano Orsini. No. CCCCLXX.
f. 19. i. To Cardinal Gaetano. No. CCCCLXXI.
ij. To Martin IV. No. CCCCLXXXIX.
f. 19 b. i. To Martin IV. No. CCCCXC.
ij. To Cardinal Benedict Gaetano. No. CCCCXCI.
f. 20. i. To Cardinal Hugh of Evesham. No. DXVI.
ii. To the Bishop of Tusculum. No. DXIX.
f. 20 b. i. To Cardinal Geoffroi d'Alatri. No. DXXVIII.
ij. To Martin IV. No. DCXXIII.

Procuratoria et Commissiones.

f. 21. i. To the Dean of Lincoln. No. XIV.
ii. Power to Ric. de Nedham to negotiate a loan. Id. Jul. (*satisfactum*).
iij. Commission to the official to hear a case about Davington church. South Malling, 12 kal. Aug.
iv. To the Dean and a canon of Lincoln. No. XLVIII.
f. 21 b. i. To the Bishop of Hereford. No. LVIII.
ij. To the vicar of Faversham. No. LXII.
iij. Empowers the bishop of Lichfield to institute Rob. de Frodesham to the vicarage of Frodsham. Mortlake, 7 id. Nov. cons. i.
f. 22. i. Appointment of a Proctor at Rome. No. LXVIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Ely. No. LXIX.
iij. Power to Adam de Werminster to borrow money. Crundene in Parco. 3 id. Dec.
iv. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. LXXII.
v. To the Abbot of St. Augustines. No. LXXII. (p. 88).
vi. Power to bishop of St. Asaph to confer orders. 19 kal. Jan.
f. 22 b. i. To the bishop of London, complaining of his bailiffs extorting money from his tenants. Crundon in Parco. 18 kal. Jan. cons. i.
ij. To the Dean of Rochford. No. LXXI.
iij. To the official of Lincoln. No. LXXIV.
iv. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. LXXV.

f. 23. i. To the bishop of Ely. No. LXXVII.
ij. Appointment of Robt. de Stistede and John de Langherst bailiffs in Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk. Prid. Non. Feb. Fulham.
iij. To the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. No. LXXVIII.
iv. To the Dean and Treasurer of St. Paul's and the Archdeacon of Colchester. No. LXXIX.
v. To R. de Dreyton, Treasurer of St. Paul's. No. LXXVI.
vj. Appointment of Salvagius de Florencia proctor at Rome. Burecestr,' 13 kal. March 1279[–80], cons. 1.

f. 23 b. i. Pension to Bardo de Podiobonizi.
ij. To the Archdeacon of London. No. LXXXI.
iij. To Adam de Hales. No. LXXXII.
iv. Commission to hear a case between Margery de Pentrich and Hugh Fraunceys. Derley. 11 kal. April cons. ij.
v. Commission to the bishop elect of Lincoln to hear a case between H. de Turgerton and "Galfridus Johannis de Caturco." Ashbourne. 7 kal. April cons. ij.
vj. Visitation of Bardney Abbey. No. XCI.
vij. To. J. de Lascy. On the same subject.

f. 24. i. To J. de Lascy. No. XCIII.
ij. Commission to Adam de Phileby to hear the case between the parishioners of Marchenton and the rector of Hambury. St. Thomas Stafford, Non. April cons. 2.
iij. Desires the bishop elect of Lincoln to execute a sentence against Wm. de Segrave in favour of Sir Hen. de Notingeham. Eclishale, 6 id., April cons. 2.
iv. To his official at Winchester. No. CI.
v. Citation of Robt. rector of Streatham. 7 id. April.

f. 24 b. i. Inspeximus of a codicil of the will of Nic., Bishop of Winchester. Ecleshal. Id. April.
ij. Power to John de Pontisara, Archdeacon of Exeter, as proctor at Rome. Heywode, 8 kal. Maii. 1280.
iij. Citation of the prior of Cowyk and Wm. de Shalton. 11 kal. Jun.
iv. Power to Ric. de Nedham to borrow 40*l.* Certeseye, 5 cal. Jun. cons. 2 (*satisfactum*).
v. Citation of Wm. de Seweworth and H. de Gamo, canons of Lincoln. Blokelegh, 7 id. Jun. cons. 2.

f. 25. i. Permits P., bishop elect of Exeter to receive consecration from other bishops. Lambeth. 7 kal. Nov. 1280.
ij. To the Bishop of London. No. CXXIII.
iij. Power to Pontisara to appoint a proctor. 8 id. Nov.
iv. To Peter, Papal Vice-Chancellor. No. CXXIV.
v. To the Dean of Norwich and others. No. CXXVII.

f. 25 b. i. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CXXX.
ij. To Ph. de St. Augustine. No. CXXXI.

iij. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. CXXXII.
f. 26. i. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. CXXXIV.
ij. Visitation. No. CXXXVI.
iij. To P., his official. No. CXLIII.
f. 26 b. i. To the Bishop of London. No. CXXXVIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lichfield. No. CXXXIX.
iij. To the Chancellor of the University of Oxford. No. CXL.
iv. To Thos. de Weyland, justice. No. CXLI.
f. 27. i. To the prior and convent of Christchurch. No. CXLV.
ij. Notice to Bishop of Bath and Wells of visitation on morrow of Trinity Sunday, 1281.
iij. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CLXV.
iv. Power to Wm. de Cornere and John de Lacy, to fix a term for the decision, with reference to the election of Ric. de la More as Bishop of Winchester, whether the subdeanery at Lincoln is a dignity or a parsonage. Wymundham. 6 id. Feb. cons. 2.
v. Power to John de Pontisara as proctor at Rome. Wymundham. 6 id. Feb. 1280[-1].
f. 27 b. i. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CXLVI.
ij. Revocation of proxies at Rome. Schippedham, 8 id. Feb. 1280[-1].
iij. To the Archbishop of Dublin. No. CL.
iv. To the official of the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CLIII.
f. 28. i. Remission to the Official of the absolution of Sir Robt. Beaupel, David de Forshill, and three others. Buttelee. 2 kal. Martii. cons. 3.
ij. To the Prior of Yarmouth. No. CXLVII.
iij. Proxy for Renerius de Vichio. Lupham 6 kal. April. 1281.
iv. Another, concerning the election of Ric. de la More at Winchester. Same date.
f. 28 b. i. To the Prior and Chapter of Canterbury. No. CLVII.
ij. Proxies for Reynerius and for Philip de S. Augustino.
iij. Proxy for J. de Pontisara and the two above named. Borewell. 17 kal. Maii 1281.

Collationes, institutiones Rectorum vicariorum et Archipresbyterorum. A.D. 1292. *Anno consecrationis domini J.* 14.

f. 29. i. Chapel at Gillridge. No. DCCXIX.
ii. Grant of land to rector of Bucstede. No. DCCXX.
f. 29 b. Collation of the church of Sutherche (Southwark) in the archbishop's patronage, to Ralph de Skeftington *vice* Ralph de Cnovyle, resigned, and of a prebend at Wyngham to Robt. de Cysterne, rector of Hadlegh, Norw. dioc., *vice* Rog. Burd, resigned. Mortlake, 8 id. Oct. [1292].

f. 30. *Institutiones Rectorum et Vicariorum* A.D. 1284, *ordinationis domini septimo.*

1284[-5]. Ordin. 7. 8 kal. Feb., at Scotter. Martin de Hampton to Icham ch., Cant. dioc. in the abp.'s patronage, *vice* Walter, late rector dec. Wm. de Westgate, to St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on the presentation of the prior of St. Gregory's, Canterbury :—

7 kal. Feb., at Thornholm. Wm. de Dovor to Moriston Ch., Cant. dioc., on the presentation of Sir Barth. de Moriston :—4 id. Feb., at Louth (Lud.) Abbey, Linc. dioc., Hugh de Harpelee to Romenhale vicarage, Cant. dioc. presented by the proctor of the Convent of Pontigny :—16 kal. Mart., at Parcum Lude, Adam de Herewych to Northgate vicarage, Canterbury, presented by Christ Church, Canterbury :—Tuesday 2 id. Mart., at Ely, Walter de Dounebrege to All Saint's, Bread St., London, presented by Christ Church, Canterbury :—1285, 15 kal. Maii, at Charing, Ric. de la Wade to Kyngesnode Ch., Cant. dioc., presented by the Abbot of Battle, *vice* Robt. de Meleford, resigned :—4 kal. Maii, at Mortlake, Ric. de Trenge to Preston vicarage, presented by Walter, rector of Preston :—14 kal. Jun., Ph. Lovel, to Wightrichesham Ch., Cant. dioc. in the abp.'s patronage.

f. 30 b. 11 kal. Jul. at Poterne, Matthew de Stratton to Norburne vicarage, Cant. dioc., presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's : —6 kal. Aug. at Slindon, Simon de Lenna to Isefeld Ch., Chich. dioc. in the abp.'s patronage :—12 kal. Oct., at Southmalling, Robt. Kentyng of Lewes to Essche vicarage, Cant. dioc., presented by John de Lewes, to whom the abp. had commended the ch. on Camilla's deprivation :—13 kal. Nov., at Canterbury, John de Cherleton to Bocton vicarage, Cant. dioc., presented by Nic. de Knovyle, rector.

13 kal. Nov., at Canterbury, Roger Dobbe, to Harenhulle vicarage, belonging to Bocton, presented by N. de Knovyle :— 26 Oct. at Otteford, Alex. de Honyton to Newchurch vicarage, presented by Ric. de Copeland, rector :—19 kal. Jan., at Canterbury, Stephen, late vicar of St. Lawrence, Thanet, to Walwarschare church, presented by Sir Ralph de Sandwich.

1285-[6]. Monday, 12 Feb. at South Malling. Edmund of St. Paul's, Thanet to St. Lawrence's vicarage, presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's :—3 kal. Feb., at Southmalling, Peter de Mildestede to Faversham vicarage, presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's :—Friday, id. March, at Tenham, Hen. of Sandwich to St. Peter's, Sandwich, presented by the mayor and barons of Sandwich :—1286, Thursday, In Cœna Domini, at Maidstone, John de Dene to the vicarage of St. Alphege, Seasalter, presented by the prior of Christ Church, Canterbury :—13 kal.

June, at Mortlake, John de Segeherst to Horslegh Ch., Winton dioc. in the abp.'s patronage:—Friday, 16 kal. Jun. at Otford. Geoffrey de Saham to Bixle vicarage, presented by the prior of
f. 31. the Holy Trinity, London:—Trinity Sunday, 5 id. Jun. at Mortlake, Wm. de la Knolle to St. James, Dover, in the abp.'s patronage, *vice* Walter de Bampton, resigned:—18 kal. Jul. at Lambeth, Nic. de Pidingeho to vicarage of Pageham, presented by Godfrey de Pecham, rector:—Friday, 3 non Jul. at Maidstone, Wm. de Bradested to Heure (Hever) ch., presented by the Abbot[1] of Cumbewell:—4 id. Jul., at Aldington, John de Bidike to Kestane ch., Roff. dioc. in the abp.'s patronage:—17 kal. Aug. at Smethe, Clement de Maydestan to Hedecrone ch., in the abp.'s patronage; Godfrey de Lewes to Tilmaneston vicarage, in the abp.'s patronage; Ric. de Halynglegh to Hathewoldenn ch., in the abp.'s patronage:—6 kal. Aug. at Aldyngton, John de Wygeton to Pette ch., presented by Agnes, widow of Hamo Pitte and Stephen Fitz Stephen of Romney:—6 id. Aug. at Saltwood, Adam de Ocolt, to Hesse ch. Shoreham deanery, presented by Roger de Dorteford, rector of Orpynton:—8 id. Jul., at Cherryng, Nic. de Kysingebyr' to Sundresse vicarage, presented by Thos. de Cruce, rector:—Id. Aug. at Saltwood, John of Sandwich, to Chystelet vicarage, presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's:—4 id. Sept. at St. Martin's Priory, Dover, Stephen de Wycumbe to Colrede vicarage, in the abp.'s presentation by the vacancy of the priory.

1287. Ordin. 9, 12 kal. Oct., at Croyndon. Thos. de Maydestane to Stanes[2] ch., presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's.

f. 31 b. 1286. 9 kal. Oct., at Canterbury. Wm. de Trumpeton to Halstede ch. in the abp's patronage:—13 kal. Dec. at Maidstone, Stephen de Wy to Northgate vicarage, Canterbury, presented by the prior of St. Gregory's.

1286[-7]. 8 kal. Feb., at Slyndon. Peter de Gatewyk to vicarage of Menstre in Thanet, presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's:—9 kal. Feb. at Slyndon, Robt. de Farenbergh to Eynesford vicarage, presented by Bogo de Clare:—1 Feb. at Slyndon. Robt. de Kemesyng' to Wytstaple ch., presented by Alex. de Bayllol:—15 kal. Mar. at Southmalling. Ric. de Clyve to Demecherch ch., presented by the abbot of St. Augustines:—Non. Mart. at Maghefeud, Simon of Weston in Candevere to Bonyngton ch., presented by Wm. de Hanle, prior of St. John's:—Non. Mart., at Maghefeud, Wm. de Hertford to Hope ch., presented by the Master of the Domus Dei, Dover:—12 kal. April at Wengham. Hen. Abbot to Stokebyr' ch., Cant. dioc., presented by the prior of Ledes:—1287, 2 kal. May, at Mortlake, Thos. de

[1] Sic in MS. Cumbewelle was an Austin Priory.

[2] In margin "Snaves," which is correct.

Chertham to a prebend at Southmalling *vice* Lambert de Mouneto, dec. Ralph de Knovyle to Suthcherche ch., Lond. dioc., in the abp.'s jurisdiction; *vice* L. de Mouneto :—3 non. Maii, at Mortlake, Tunstalle ch., Cant. dioc., to Ric. de Feryng, *in commendam* :—3 id. Jun., John de Helpringham to Tunstalle ch., *vice* L. de
f. 32. Mouneto, and Wengham vicarage, *in commendam* :—5 kal. Jul., at Mortlake, Ric. de Bray, to Lancadok ch., Llandaff dioc., presented by Sir John de Hastinges :—3 Non. Sept. at Croyndon, Ric. le Faukener, to Lachendon ch., London dioc., in the abp.'s patronage.

Ordinances and statutes for the collegiate ch. of Wingham. (Printed in Dugdale's Monasticon vi., 1341) Southmalling. 12 kal. Mart. 1286[-7], Ord. 9.

f. 34 b. i. Institution of Peter de Geldeford as provost of Wingham. Southmalling, 9 kal. Mart. 1286[-7].

ij. Annexation of Bishopesburn ch. to the provostship during Geldeford's life. 9 kal. Mart. 1286[-7].

f. 35. i. Annexation of Wingham vicarage to the provostship. Aldington, morrow of St. Barnabas. 1287.

ij. Dispensation of non residence to Geldeford, till he receives all the fruits. Southmalling, 9 cal. Mart. 1286[-7], ordin. 9.

f. 35 b. Collation of Chilton prebend, in Wengham ch., to Wm. de Sardinia, professor of Civil Law. Southmalling, 9 cal. Mart. 1286[-7] :—Of Peddinge Prebend, to Roger Bourd, *vice* Thos. de Chertham, resigned. Otford, 7 cal. Jun. 1287 :—Of Bonington prebend, to Wm. de Haleberge; Retlyng prebend, to John de Lewes; and Wymelingewelde prebend, to Walter, son of Richard de Pecham the abp.'s nephew. Southmalling. 9 cal. Mart. 1286[-7].

Institutiones Rectorum et Vicariorum.

f. 36. 1287. 17 kal. Jan., at South Malling, John de Leycestr', to vicarage of East Pecham, presented by Roger de Saxingherst, rector :—3 id. Dec., at South Malling, Roger de Chipenham, to Helingleye vicarage, Chich. dioc., *sede vacante* :—8 Dec., at Aldyngton, Elias de Suthgate, to Derente vicarage, presented by the prior of Rochester :—8 kal. Jan., Nic. de Knoville, to Maydenestane ch., in the archbishop's patronage :—7 kal. Jan., Peter de Dene, to Excete ch., Chich. dioc. *per lapsum sede vacante* :—10 kal. Jan., Wm. de Gelham,[1] to Fyndon vicarage, *sede vacante.*

1287[-8]. 19 kal. Feb., Wm. de Swafham, to Twynem chapel, Chich. dioc. *per lapsum* :—12 kal. Feb., at Grenstede, custody of Herst Mounceus ch., to Robt. de Watlyngton, *sede vacante* :—4 kal. Feb., Wm. de Oilecestr', to St. Mary le Bow, in the archbishop's patronage :—4 kal. Feb., at Lambeth, Hen. de Garlandia, to West-

[1] This entry follows the next in the MS.

dene ch., Chich. dioc., presented by Sir Wm. Heringaud :—1 Feb.,
f. 36 b. at Croydon, Gilbert de Keyrleon, to vicarage of Lankarvan, Llandaff dioc., presented by the Abbot of St. Peter's, Gloucester. John de la More, to Landyngad vicarage, Llandaff dioc., presented by the archdeacon and chapter of Llandaff. Hugh de Wengrave, to Northyam vicarage, Chich. dioc., presented by Giles de Audenarde, canon of St. Mary in the castle, Dover, by right of his prebend of Pesemere. Thos. le Fannere, to Storketon vicarage, Chich. dioc., presented by Stephen de Berewestede, rector :—6 kal. Feb., at Lambeth, Thos. de Cobbeham, to Holyngburne ch., in the archbishop's patronage, *vice* G. de S. Leofardo, resigned :—3 id. Feb., at Sutton, near Alresford, Robt. de Bradewater to Rousparre ch., *vice* Wm. de Polingefold, deprived, presented by John lord Lovetot during the minority of Ralph, son and heir of John lord Camoys :—10 kal. Mart., at Slyndon, Ralph de Peccham, *dictus* Hog, to Burgherse vicarage, Chich. dioc., *vice* Stephen, late vicar, resigned, presented by Dominicus Petri, rector :—9 kal. Mart., at Slyndon, Robt. de Sidingburn, to All Saints, Garscherche, London., presented by the prior of Christchurch, Cant. ; Wm. de Mounceus, to Herst Mounceus ch., presented by John de Mounceus ; Robt. Bernard,
f. 37. to Old Romenhale ch., presented by Sir Ralph de Bernard :—8 kal. Mart., at Slyndon, Robt. de Sidesterne, to Neucherche ch., in Romenhale marsh, *vice* Ric. de Couplaunde, dec., in the abp.'s patronage :—2 kal. Mart., at Slyndon, Wm. de Bettleshangre, to St. Clement's, Sheppey, presented by the abbot of St. Radegund :—8 id. Mart., at South Malling, Elias de Aylesbyr', to Sundresse vicarage, Roff. dioc., presented by Thos. de Cruce, rector :—1288, 3 kal. April, at Otford, Nic. de Waleton, to Staplehurst ch., *vice* Hen. de Northwode, resigned, presented by John de Somery. John de Rogate, to Tordwyke ch., Chich. dioc., presented by Robt. de la Rogate :—4 id. April, at Otford, Robt. de Adburgton, to Schyremannebyr' ch., Chich. dioc., *vice* Roger, late rector, dec., presented by Robt. de Boucy :—3 id. April, at Otford, John de Bamberg', to Glynde vicarage, *vice* John Snellyng, dec., presented by Robt. de Leone, proctor of the abbot de Becco Herlewyni :—8 kal. Maii, at Otford, Robt. Lud, to Penclau ch., Llandaff dioc., *vice* Hen. de Kengham, resigned, presented by Robt. Avenel :—2 kal. Jun., Ric. de Subyr', to Petham vicarage,
f. 37 b. Cant. dioc., presented by the abbot of St. Osith :—Non. Jun., at Aldyngton, Geoffrey de Risberwe, to Promhulle vicarage, Cant. dioc., presented by the abbess of St. Leonard's, Gynes :—5 Non. July, Wm. de Sardynia, to the ch. of Bocton juxta la Blen and chapel of Harenhulle, *vice* Gilbert de S. Leofardo, resigned, and to the ch. of Chidingston *in commendam* :—2 Non. Aug., at South Malling, John Peyforer to Wychelinge ch., presented by Sir Wm. Pey-

forer:—Non. Aug., at Southmalling, Justinian Panyfader, to Hucham vicarage, Cant. dioc.:—3 id. Sept. at Wingham, Nic. Towyn, to Wikham vicarage, presented by Nicholas Longespee, rector: Sabbato iv., temporum, Sept., at Tonge, John de Notingeham, to Gyselham ch., Norw. dioc., presented by the King, *sede vacante*: Stephen de Wylmynton, to Estwelle ch., Cant. dioc., presented by Bertram de Cryel:—14 kal. Oct., at Tenham, John de Campis, to Rokynge ch., Cant. dioc.:—8 kal. Oct., at Otford, Geoffrey de Wretton, to Henxhille ch., Cant. dioc., presented by Wm. de
f. 38. Valence, earl of Pembroke:—2 id. Sept., at Wingham, Ralph de Cheny, his almoner, to Chidingstone ch.:—2 id. Oct., at Lambeth, Reg. de Standon, to St. Denis juxta Grescherch, London. John de Elham, to St. Mary Aldermanecherch, London:—16 kal. Nov., at Croyendon, Godfrey de Nortona, to the Schools at Norwich, *sede vacante*; John de Bononia, to Langenith ch., Llandaff dioc., presented by Matilda, countess of Gloucester and Herteford (sic); R. de Stamford, to the moiety of Wortham ch., Norw. dioc., presented by the abbot of St. Edmund's:—8 kal. Nov., at Croyendon, Wm. de Westone, to the deanery of Lothynglond, Norw. dioc., *sede vacante*:—3 Non. Nov., at Slyndon, Thos. le Grocer, to Adesham ch.:—Non. Nov., at Slindone, Robt. de Lewes, to Horsle ch., Winton. dioc., in the abp.'s patronage, on his resignation of the vicarage of Essche:—Walter de Hapisburg, to moiety of Thurverton ch., Norw. dioc., presented by Sir Peter Rocelyn:—12 kal. Nov. at Croyendon, John de Ufforde, to Petrestre ch., Norwic. dioc., presented by Joan lady Huntingfeud:—17 kal. Dec., at Slindon, Thos. de Wychio, to Brunstede ch., Norw. dioc., presented by Dionisia lady Munchensi (de Monte Canisio) and others, custodians of the land of the late Wm. son of Warin lord Munchensi:—14 kal. Dec., at Slyndon, Robt. de Terringe, to Penecestre ch. on his resignation of Hodleghe ch., Chich. dioc.:—Id. Nov., at
f. 38 b. Slindone, John de Bestane, to Clive ch.:—9 kal. Dec., at Slindon, Thos. de Wlfertone, to Staneford ch., Norw. dioc., presented by Prior of Schuldham:—6 kal. Dec., at Slindon, Ric. de Lennia, to Sutton vicarage, Cant. dioc., presented by Bartholomew, the rector:—3 kal. Dec., at Slindone, Walter de Gatele, to St. Peter's, Burhamthorp, Norw. dioc., presented by Sir Wm. de Kakethorp:—3 id. Dec., at Slindone, Gilbert de Roffa to Thonge ch., Cant. dioc., presented by Sir Ralph Fitz Bernard:—16 kal. Jan., at Slindon, Thos. de Estone, to Floketon ch., Norw. dioc., *vice* Peter de Rodlesworth, resigned, presented by Sir John de Bathon':—15 kal. Jan., (Sat. iv. temp.) at Slindon, Ric. de Hemmesby, to Parva Bukenham ch., Norw. dioc., presented by Hubert Hakoun. Robt. de Rudham to St. Andrew's, Tatersete, Norw. dioc., presented by the prior of Castelacre: Stephen de Fuleburne to Westlee ch., Norw. dioc., presented by the abbot of St. Ed-

mund's :—Hervey de Stanton, to Saxham ch., Norwic. dioc., presented by the abbot of St. Edmund's :—Thos. de Ratforde, to
f. 39. Ludenham ch., Cant. dioc., presented by the Abbot of Faversham :—14 kal. Jan., at Slindon, Hugh de Penebrok, to Ivecherche ch., *vice* Robt. de Orlawestone, dec., in the abp.'s patronage; Thos. de Kedeswelle to Bergh ch., Norw. dioc., presented by Dionisia de Monte Canisio, etc.: —10 kal. Jan., at Slindon, David de Kaerlioun, to the vicarage of St. Cadoc, Kaerlioun, presented by the Chapter of Llandaff, *vice* Nic. de Leycestria, resigned.

[1288–9], 2 Non. Jan., at Slyndon, Roger de Cydisterne, to Wesinham vicarage, Norw. dioc., *per lapsum*; Ralph de Olneya, to a moiety of Holkham ch., Norw. dioc. *per lapsum*: John Henyd, to the vicarage of Boniston, Norw. dioc., *per lapsum*.

1288. 3 Dec., at Slindon, Ric. de Hemenhale, to a fourth of Dykelesburgh ch., Norw. dioc., presented by the abbot of St. Edmund's.

[1288–9]. 4 id. Jan., at Slindone, Roger de Clare, to Hintlesham ch., Norw. dioc., presented by the King :—2 id. Jan., at Terringe, Nic. de Derneford, to Paschinge church :—Id. Jan., at Terringe,
f. 39 b. Walter de Pecham, his nephew, to Terringe ch. :—7 kal. Feb., at South Malling, Reginald de Brandon, to Orpyntone ch. :—6 kal. Feb., at South Malling, John de Iford, to Schatokkesherst ch., presented by Wm., minister of the Trinitarian Friars at Modyndenne :—3 Non. Feb., at South Malling, Ric. de Trenge to Badelesmere ch., Cant. dioc., presented by Sir Gocelin de Badelesmere :—16 kal. April, at Cherringe, Wm. Crok, to St. Mary's *super montem*, Llandaff dioc., presented by Sir John le Waleys; Thos. de Kenefeg, to St. Mary's vicarage Kilthikarn, Llandaff dioc., *vice* Elias de Wylye, resigned, presented by the Abbot of Neath :—1289, 5 Non. Maii, Robt. de Watlyngton, to Bockyng ch., London dioc., *vice* Adam, late rector, dec. :—2 Non. Maii, Richard de Arundel to the *primaria* of South Malling, *vice* Rob. de Wattlyngton, resigned :—5 id. Maii, Wm. de Findon, to Staneore ch., Cant. dioc., presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's Cant. :—3 kal. Jun., at Aldington, Martin de Crundale, to Lemene vicarage :—2 Non. Jun., at Aldington, Thos. le Blund to Heriettesham ch.,
f. 40. presented by Sir Wm. de Leyburne :—2 Non. Jun., at Aldington, Hen. Pancok, to Old Romenal ch., presented by Sir Ralph Bernard :—2 Non. Jun., at Aldington, Thos. de Port, of Maidstone, to Hammes ch., presented by the prior of Ledes :—8 kal. Jul. at Aldington, Ralph, *dictus* le Hog, to Wodlond ch., deanery of Shoreham, *vice* John, late rector, deceased :—5 kal. Jul., at Maghefeld, Wm. *dictus* Marscal, to Aldinton vicarage, presented by the prior of Combwelle :—7 kal. Aug. Adam de Wikes to Bikenore ch., presented by Hubert la Veille :—18 kal. Sept., Robt. de Bramton, to vicarage of Romenal, presented by the proctor

of the Abbey of Pontigny :—17 kal. Oct., at Mortlake, John de Hasele, to Newcherche ch., in Romenal Marsh, and his resignation of the prebend of Dale :—8 kal. Oct., at Croynden, John de Schorne, to Risberwe ch. :—8 kal. Oct., Walter de Sully to Landmays ch., Llandaff dioc., presented by Mabillia de Sully :—5 id. Oct., at Mortlake, John de Hukynge, to Moristone ch., presented by Stephen (?) de Moristone :—10 kal. Dec., at Fulham, Wm. de Arundel, to Elham vicarage, *in commendam* :—8 kal. Dec., at Fulham, Adam de Burgh, to Moltone vicarage, *in commendam;* Wm. de Hatfeud, to Orgareswike ch. :—6 kal. Dec., at Fulham, Wm. de Berewike, to Paschinges vicarage, presented by Nic. de
f. 40 b. Buddebire, rector :—3 kal. Jan., at Otteford, Robt. de Wetakere, to priory of St. Martin's, Dover :—6 kal. Jan., at Otford, R. archdeacon of Canterbury, to Werehorne ch.

[1289–90]. Prid. Id. March at Slindon, Thos. de Pynnesdone, to vicarage of Hugham, Cant. dioc., presented by the prior of Dover; Robt. de S. Vagano, to vicarage of Kenefeg, Llandaff dioc., presented by the abbot of Theokesbire :—1290, 9 kal. Jun., at Tenham, Gilbert de Suthmenstre, to vicarage of North Gate ch., Canterbury, *vice* Stephen de Wy, resigned, presented by the prior of St. Gregory's, Canterbury :—12 kal. Jul., at Otford, Roger de Lollingeston to Stapelhurst ch. :—6 kal. Jul., at Otford, Wm. Elys, of Canterbury, to All Saints, Canterbury, presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's :—5 Id. Julii, at Lambeth, Adam de Burgo, to the vicarage of Multone, in the Abp.'s patronage :—4 kal. Aug., at Wengeham, Hen. de la Rye to the vicarage of Croindone, presented by Giles de Audenarde, rector :—3 Non. Aug., at Burn, Wm., *dictus juvenis*, of Llantrissan, to a vicarage in Lantrissan ch., Llandaff dioc., presented by the prior of Llantony :—2 Non. Aug., Stephen de Stone, to St. Peter's church, Canterbury, presented by the Prior of Christchurch :—8 kal. Oct., at Bocking, Symon de Fauresham, to ch. of Preston, outside Faversham, *vice* Gaucher de Dolina, deprived, in the Abp.'s patronage.

[1290–1.] 8 id. Feb., at Slindone, Ralph de Stanford, to Rolvin-
f. 41. denne ch., *in commendam* :—7 kal. March, at Slindon, Wm. Elfegh, to vicarage of Wodenesbergh :—15 kal. April, Symon Pyps, to St. Andrew's, Canterbury; John de Watton to Kyngeston ch.; Simon de S. Albano, to Cherleton ch. :—[1291.] 8 kal. April, John de Otringedene, to Limene vicarage; Thos. de Dunstalle, to St. Mildred's, Canterbury :—14 kal. Jun., Wm. de Speldherst, to Brenchesle vicarage, presented by the prior of Thonebrigg :—4 Non. Jun., Roger de Lee, to Cnolton ch., presented by P. de Hacham, viceprior of St. John of Jerusalem :—2 Non. Jul., Ric. de Torvesmere, to Highanwole ch., Llandaff dioc., presented by David de Someri, lord of Highanwole; Adam de Karleon, to

vicarage of Penhard, Llandaff dioc., presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine, Bristol:—12 kal. Oct., at Slyndon, Edmund de Romenal, to Snaregate ch., in Romenal Marsh; Nic. de Castro, to Erde ch., presented by John lord of S. John:—id. Aug., at Mortlake, John de Ruberge to St. Vedast's, London, presented by the Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury:—6 Id. Sept., at Newenton, near Aumberesbery, Ric. de Clyve, to Hauekherst ch., *in commendam*, with licence to study at Paris:—4 kal. Oct., at Slindone, Wm. de Pretewelle, to Aldermarecherche, presented by the prior of Christchurch, Canterbury:—kal. Oct., at Newtimber, John de S. Egidio, to Meredenne vicarage, presented by the Abbot of Lesnes:—9 kal. Nov., at Slindon, Wm. de Huthe, to All Saints, called Garscherche, London, presented by the prior of Christchurch, Canterbury:—8 id. Nov., at Southmalling, Thos. de Bradewatere, to Renham vicarage, presented by the prior of Ledes:—8 kal. Dec., at Croindon, Andrew de Moneketon, to Oteringeden ch., presented by Joan de Otteringedene:—3 id. Dec., at Mortlake, Walter Cobel, to vicarage of Northgate, Canterbury, presented by the Prior of St. Gregory's, Canterbury:—11 kal. Jan., at Mortlake, Ric. de Pevenese, to Moneketon ch., presented by Nic. de Moneketon.

f. 41 b. 1291[-2]. 14 kal. Feb., at Otford, Bartholomew de Gatesdene, to ch. of Boctone Alulphi, presented by Thos. de Gatesdene:—12 kal. Feb., at Otford, Benjamin de Merseham, to the Archipresbyteratus of Olecumbe ch., at the nomination of Wm. de Lenham and Peter de Rokeford, priests there:—9 kal. Feb., at Otford, Elias de Eylesbiri, to vicarage of Backechild ch., presented by G. bp. of Chichester:—4 kal. Mart., at Mortlake, Giles de Limenei, Monk of St. Vincent, Le Mans, to priory of Bergevenny, Llandaff dioc., presented by the abbot of Mont St. Vincent:—13 kal. April, Thos. de Schoreham, *dictus de Garynge*, to Bylsyntone ch., Cant. dioc., presented by the prior of Boxgrave.

i. Grant to Peter de Geldeford, provost of Wingham, of an acre of land in Wingham.

ii. Mandate to Bailiff of Wingham to deliver seisin. Wengeham, 12 kal. April, anno supradicto.

1292. 14 kal. Aug. Otford. Institution of Wm. de Kyngeston to vicarage of Frenigham, in the Abp.'s patronage:—16 kal. Sept., at Mortlake, Wm. de Bosco, to church of Cheham, Winton dioc., *vice* Walter, late rector, dec., in the Abp.'s patronage:—15 kal. Sept., at Mortlake, John de Charleswode, to Adburthon ch., Chich. dioc., in the Abp.'s patronage.

Literæ directæ Domino Regi 1283, *ordinationis domini quinto.*

f. 42. i. To Edward I. No. CCCCXXVIII.
ij. To Queen Eleanor. No. CCCCXXIX.
iij. To Edward I. No. CCCCXXXIX.

f. 42 b. i. Litera captionis contra Rogerum le Bikenere. Suthmalling, 4 kal. Julii.
ij. To Edward I. No. CCCCLIII.
iij. To Queen Eleanor. No. CCCCLXXXIV.

f. 43. i.–iv. Literæ captionis contra Wm. Heringaud Mil., Fulconem Bacon, Walterum dictum Norman de Staunford, Wm. Bloyou, Wm. de la Sterte, Lucam de la Yelleden, Rob., filium Walteri Longi, et Galfridum Marmeset. Dates from 18 kal. Dec. 1283 to id. April 1284.
v. To Edward I. No. DXXXVII.
vi.–vij. Literæ captionis contra Emmam de Eneford, et Wm. rectorem ecclesiæ de Perdon, Lond. dioc. 7 kal. Maii, Non Maii.
viij. Mem. of letter to the K. ad amovendum laicam potestatem from Herting church. Hamondesham, 11 kal. Jun.
. To Edward I. No. DLIV.

f. 43 b. i. Litera captionis contra Johannem de Myddelton, Radulphum le Tapeter et Aliciam uxorem suam.
ij. To Edward I. No. DLVIII.

f. 44. i. To Edward I. No. DLX.
ij. Litera captionis contra Philippum, dictum Martyn, ad instantiam Aliciæ, dictæ Colefox. Bangor, 5 kal. Jul.
iij. To Edward I. No. DLXII.

f. 44 b. i. To Edward I. No. DLXIII.
ij. To Edward I. No. DLXV.
iij. To Edward I. No. DLXXIX.

f. 45. i. To Edward I. No. DXC.
ij. To Margaret, Q. of France. No. DXCV.

f. 45 b. i. Literæ captionis contra Rob. de Grymesham, Wm. de Natyngdon, Reg. Longum, Symonem de Honyng, Barth. de Grymmesham, Alex. atte Dige, Stephanum de Boucton, Mil. Henr. de Pakemanneston et Matthæum Bedellum Ricardi de Bedeford. 7 kal. Nov.
ij. To Edward I. No. DCI.
iij. To Edward I. No. DCLXXV.
iv. To Edward I. No. DCXXIX.

f. 46 b. i. The Abp.'s Court. No. CCLIX

f. 47 b. i. Settlement of complaint against the official and Dean of Arches according to a report by W. Bp. of Norwich, R. Archdeacon of Canterbury, G. de S. Leofardo, Adam de

Hales, and R. de Braundon. 7 kal. May 1282, cons. 4. (Marginal note that it was never issued.)[1]

ij. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. CCXLIX.[2]

f. 48. *Institutiones Rectorum.* 1279.

6 Non. Jun., at Lymynges, Maurice de Dulbanagh, to Kyngeston ch., near Canterbury, presented by Alex. de Balliol:—4 Non. Jul., at South Malling, Wm. de Lyndestede to Frethingeden ch. presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's:—2 Non. Jul., Ric. de Dene to Eselyng ch., presented by John Dyne:—3 Non. Aug. at Mortlake, Wm de Dover to Saltewode ch., in the Abp.'s patronage:—9 kal. Oct., at Tenham, Geoffrey de Everle to Harwes[3] ch., in the Abp.'s patronage:—7 id. Oct., at Chartham, Robt. de Winton, to St. Peter's, Dover, presented by the prior of St. Martin's, Dover:—17 kal. Nov., at Lambeth, Thos. de Cruce, to Cheyham ch., in the Abp.'s patronage, *vice* Thos. de Wetewange, dec.:—7 kal. Nov., Robt., *dictus* Man, to the ch. of Godwinston, near Faversham:—3 id. Dec., at Crunden in Parco, Ralph de Fornham, to Maidenestan ch., by apostolic mandate:—8 id. Dec., at Ronewell, Hugh de Suoffham, to Illeghe ch., Suffolk, *vice* R., late rector, deceased:—12 kal. Jan., at Coppeford, Walter, vicar of Cokefeud, to Cheiham ch., by apostolic mandate; at Crundon, H., rector of St. Andrew's, near Baynard Castle, to Tettebiry ch., "vacantem in curia Romana," by the death of Gregory de Kerewent; At Claketon, Ph de Crofte, to Blockele ch., Worc. dioc., *vice* Kerewent, dec.; At Waledon, Stephen de ——,[4] *vice* Hugh de Suoffham dec., to Illeghe ch., in the abp.'s patronage.

[1279–80.] 8 kal. Feb., at Fuleham, Thos. de Schorham to Merseham ch.:—2 kal. Feb., at Fuleham, Wm. Foliot, to Brentefeld ch., Linc. dioc., in the abp.'s collation.

License to Thos. Bacun to hold the ch. of Langele, Linc. dioc., with that of Leyburn, Roff. dioc.

f. 48 b. 3 kal. . . . . at Thachebroc, J. de Lewes, to Smerdene ch., *vice* J. de Bestane, resigned. Ordination of Hugh de Stenes and Geoffrey de Hamelegh. Ripendon Priory, "die Sabbati iv., temporum Quadragesimæ."

1280. 8 id. April, Stafford, Resignation of Estrie ch., by John Bakon, and collation thereof to him next day; Ordination of Hen., *dictus* Juvene, rector of Boyleston, Cov. and Lich. dioc.:—

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[1] A few lines are erased. Some one has written in the margin "sit "maledictus qui subtraxit hanc "scripturam."

[2] The marginal reference to this letter in the text is misprinted: R. f. 47 instead of 47 b.

[3] Herghes in margin.

[4] Blank in MS.

Custody of Cestreton ch., in the patronage of the prior and convent of Kynell', (Kenilworth), committed to Guy de Tillebroc, vicar of St. Michael, Coventry. Brewod, 3 kal. Aug. Cons. 2.

f. 49. i. To the archdeacon of Oxford, to induct Ric. de Gloucester to the rectory of Cheping Norton. Torp, near Norwich, 9 cal. Dec. 1280.

ii. To Ric. de Gloucester. Collation of the rectory of Cheping Norton, in the patronage of the abbot and convent of Gloucester. Same date.

1280. 4 kal. Jan., at Northemham, Rob. de Meleforde to Kyngesnode ch., Cant. dioc., in the patronage of Battle Abbey, by devolution:—5 kal. Nov., at Lambeth, Thos. de Cruce, to Sondresse ch., *vice* Roger de la Leye, in the abp.'s patronage.

1280[–1]. 6 id. Jan. at Suthmere, Norw. dioc., Robt. de Colocestria, to St. Mary le Bow:—1280. 7 kal. Jan., at Leyton, Wm. de Holaym, to Dale ch., Cant. dioc., in the abp.'s patronage:—[1280–1]. 19 kal. Feb., at Castleacre, Martin de Estruddeham, to vicarage of Houghton, Norw. dioc., *per lapsum*:—5 id. Oct., at Lamahe, Nic. de Peckham, to Tangmere ch.

iij. Abbot of Gloucester to Peckham. No. CLXIX.

f. 49 b. i. Sentence of the abp.'s commissaries depriving Robt. Everard, canon of Exeter, of Colmstok ch., at Southmere, Norw. dioc. Sat. 11 Jan. 1280[–1].

ij. To the Official of the Bishop of Exeter. No. CXLII.

f. 50. i. Dispensation for non-residence to Geoffrey de Everlee, rector of Harghes, Lond. dioc., going abroad on the king's affairs. 11 Sept. 1280.

ij. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lichfield. No. CXX.

iij. To the Bishop of Ely. No. CXXVI.

9 kal. Oct., at Dytton, Symon de Gresly, to Godmeresham ch., in the abp.'s patronage.

f. 50 b. i. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. CXXXIII.

ij. Commission to P., his official, to decide the case about the election of Ralph de Marisco, as Master of Domus Dei, Dover. Berkyng, 3 Non. Mart. Cons. 3.

8 id. Mart., Meleford, near "Subbiriam," Walter de Baunton, to Sturnemue ch., in the Abp.'s patronage, *vice* John de Borevill, dec.[1]; John —— to the church of Norton near Faversham, in the abp.'s patronage.[1]

Stebenheth, 7 id. Nov. 1280, Robt. de Meleford, to Kyngeswode ch.:—at Buxton, Norw. dioc., 10 kal. Jan., N. de Kysisingbir', to Tilemanston ch.

1281. 2 kal. April, at Frekenham, Hen. de Lenne, to Byston ch., Norw. dioc., in the patronage of the prior of Lewes, and

[1] These entries are crossed out.

this time in the abp.'s patronage :—1280, 4 kal. Sept. at Bukeden, near Huntingdon, Barth. de Sunting, to Chert ch., near Sutthon,
f. 51. presented by the prior of Ledes :—1280[-1]. 15 kal. April, cons. 2. at Chevynton, Norw. dioc., Wm. de Holaym, to Dale ch., in the abp.'s patronage :—1281. 8 id. Maii, at Lambeth, John de St. Martin, to Bocstede ch., in the abp.'s patronage, *vice* Roger de Grava, resigned :—2 id. Maii, David de Estdene to Smeredenn ch., in the abp.'s patronage :—7 kal. Jun., at Hyde Abbey, Ralph de Remington to Thurton ch., Norwic. dioc., in the abp.'s patronage this time :—Appropriation of Andelyme ch. to St. Thomas' Priory, Stafford. Berkyng, Norw. dioc., 3 Non. Mar.:—9 kal. Jun., at Sutton episcopi, Ric. de Nedham to Northflete
f. 51 b. ch., in the abp.'s patronage :—5 id. Aug., at Malling, Hugelin de Marciano, dioc. of Perugia, to Brumden ch., Winton dioc., by proxy :—3 id. Aug., Roger de Rothewelie, to Merstone ch. :—at Lambeth, Tuesday after St. Giles, John Pycot, to the deanery of Exeter :—7 kal. Oct., at Canterbury, Robt. de Wynton, to Frithinden ch., presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's :—12 kal. Dec., at Suthwyk, Ric. de Gylesham, to Pitte ch., Cant. dioc., presented by Stephen Girard of Romenal :—5 id. Dec., at Micheldever, Hen. de Kemes', to St. Mary's chantry, near Southampton, *vice* Robt. de Bolyndon, dec., in the king's patronage, *sede vacante* :—At Ichehulle, 17 kal. Dec., Gilbert de Stratton, to Faversham vicarage, presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's : —7 kal. Jan., at Lambeth, John de Lyming, to Pluckele ch., in the abp.'s patronage.

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f. 52. Non. Jun., at Lymynges, Robt. Baudewyn, to Sidingburn vicarage, presented by the prioress of Clerkenwell :—8 id. Jun., Hen. de Eastria, to Littleburne vicarage, presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's :—2 id. Jun., Hamo de Gillingham to Gillingham vicarage, presented by the prioress of Sheppey :—3 Non. Jul., at Southmallyng, John de Buxale, to Estfarlee vicarage, presented by the Master of the New Work at Maidstone :—15 kal. Aug., at Southmalling, Ph. de Romenale to Halgesto vicarage, presented by the prior of Christchurch ; Thos. de Horseham, to Scheldewych vicarage, presented by the abbot of St. Augustine's :—17 kal. Sept., at Mortlake, Wm. de Wyttone, to Estcherche vicarage, presented by the abbot of Dunes, Terouenne dioc. :—3 kal. Oct., at Ledes, John de Renham to Hertelepe vicarage, presented by the prior of Rochester ; Wm. Scarlet to Stallefeld vicarage, the priory of St. Gregory being vacant : — 7 kal. Dec., Peter de Wynchelse to Hadlegh vicarage, in the Abp.'s patronage, the rector

being excommunicated :—[1279-80]. 7 kal. Feb, .at Fulham, Godfrey de Lewes, to Hedecron vicarage, in the abps'. patronage:—3 id. Jan., at Waledene Abbey, Ralph de Furnham,to Maidstone ch.

1281. 15 kal. Aug., at Nywetymbre, Adam de Reygate, to Northgate vicarage, presented by the prior of St. Gregory's :—Friday, 21 Nov., John de Faversham, to Burgested vicarage, presented by the prior of Ledes :—3 kal. Jan., at Lameth, Wm. de Hanikinton, to St. Mary Bothawe, London, presented by the Prior of Christchurch, Cant., *vice* Adam Lambyn, dec. :—1281[-2]. 3 Feb., at Otford, Wm. de Colecestre, to vicarage of Westgate, Canterbury, presented by the prior of St. Gregory, *vice* Stephen, late vicar, dec. ; Walter de Shepele, to Bettleshangre ch., *vice* Nic. Doge, dec., presented by Sir Bertram Taunkrei.

Institutiones Rectorum.

f. 52 b. 1281[-2]. 4 kal. Mart., at Exeter, Ric. de Ho, to Sturnemuhe ch., Cant. dioc., presented by the Bp. and Prior of Rochester.

1282. Sat. 7 kal. Maii, at Lambeth, John de Terrefeud, to vicarage of Harewes, *vice* Hugh de Hormad resigned, presented by Geoffrey de Everlyh, rector :—6 Non. Maii, at Lambeth, Beamund de Vicia, to Ewell ch., presented by the Abbat of Chertsey :—6 id. Maii, at Mortlake, Walter de Hurtelande exhibited his institution to the vicarage of Bernes, presented by the dean and chapter of St. Paul's, dated 17 kal. April 1273[-4] : —4 id. Maii, at Horslegh, Walter de Trayly, to Ostringehangre ch., *vice* Ralph de Alegate, dec., presented by Nic. de Crioll :——6 id. Jun., at Slyndon, Jas. de Frendesbyry, to Werneshulle ch., presented by Sir Hamo de Cattone :—15 kal. Jun., Thos. le Coneyere, to All Saints "in Palenta," Chichester, in the Abp.'s patronage :—Sat. 1 Aug., at Canterbury, Thos. de Hortun' to Braburne vicarage, *vice* Hamo de Eldigg', dec., presented by the prior of Horton :—15 kal. Oct., at Bischopesburne, John de Elmestede, to vicarage of Hakington, near Canterbury, *vice* Gilbert, dec., presented by the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Institutiones Rectorum et vicariorum.

f. 53. 1282. 3 kal. Jul., at Wyngeham, commission of Wyngeham ch., to Roger de Rothewell, of Esshe ch., to Anselm de Estria, of Guodwyneston ch., to Wm. de Sardinia, of Nonyngton ch., to John de Cnovilla, of Terrynge ch., to Robt. de Lacy, and of Pascyng Chapel, to Martin de Hampton, in consequence of the privation of Camilla.

6 id. Sept., at Aldyngton, Thos. de Westgate, to Nywenton vicarage, presented by the Abbess of Gynes :—Non. Oct., at Okeburne, Robt. de Derby, to Esschedeford ch., presented by W. de Leyburn :—2 Non. Oct., at Collingeburn, Sar. dioc., Wm. de Yford, to St. Mary's Church Romney Marsh, in the abp.'s patronage; John de Seghurst, to Halstede church, *vice* Wm. de Iford.

1282[-3]. Id. Jan., at Ledebury, Mikael de Wynchelese to Horslegh ch., in the abp.'s patronage:—7 kal. Feb., at Blockele, Ric. de S. Eadmundo, to Reynham vicarage, presented by prior of Leeds :—2 Non. Feb., Roger Burt to Herghes ch., *vice* G. de Everleh, dec.:—17 kal. April at Bristol, John de Honingtone, to Romene vicarage, presented by Lambert proctor of the Abbot of Pontigny :—1283.
f. 53 b. 6 kal. April, at Chauseyhe, near Wallingford, Ric. de Dinyntone, to Fordwich ch., presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's :—3 kal. April, at Optone, Wm. de Mylham to Tonge vicarage, presented by Geoffrey de Haspal, rector :—Non. April, at Mortlake, Wm. de Wylingdone, to Brenset vicarage, presented by the Abbess of Gynes :—3 id. April, at Otteford, Ric. de Abbenton, to Parva Chert ch., in the abp.'s patronage :—10 kal. Maii, at Wyngeham, Peter de Wynchelese to vicarage of Lide, in the abp.'s patronage :—5 kal. Maii, at Chertham, Walter de Suthmalling, to Sheldwych vicarage, presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's :—4 kal. Maii, Robt. de Bellyngton to Halghton ch., *vice* Robt. de Pykeryng, deprived :—3 id. Maii, at New Place, Barth. de Suntinge, to Tangemere ch., in the abp.'s patronage :—6 kal. Jul., at Suthmalling, John de Glocestre to Acrise ch., presented by the prior of Ledes :—4 Non. Jul., Walter de Plessiaco to Prestone ch. :—10 kal. Aug., at Otford, Thos. de Esthalle, to Hadfeud ch., Cant. dioc., presented by Alex. de Bayllolo :—4 Non. Aug., at Otford, Reynerius de Vichyo, *dictus* de Florencia, to ch. of Hese, London dioc., *vice*
f. 54. Peter de Bardonis, deprived, in the abp.'s patronage :—Friday, 3 Non. Sept. 1283, at Aldyngton, Hugh de Derby, to St. Michael's "de Paternostercherche," London, presented by the prior and Chapter of Canterbury :—11 kal. Oct., at Thenham, John de Pecham to St. Mary's Chantry, Crowthorne, near Romenal, presented by Thos. Umfridi de Romene :—6 kal. Oct., at Chertham, commendation of Pageham ch., to G. de Pecham, archdeacon of Lewes :—8 id. Oct., at Otteford, Wm. de Schorham to vicarage of Harnhulle in Bocton [under Blean] parish, presented by Nic. de Knoville :—9 kal. Nov., at Mortlake, Wm. de Cyrencestre, to All Saints de Garscherche, London, *vice* Robert de Kylewardby resigned, presented by the prior of Christchurch, Canterbury :—Tuesday before SS. Simon and Jude, Hamo de Oxeburgh, to vicarage of Molton : — 14 kal. Nov., at Lesnes Abbey, Geoffrey

of Rochester, to Wolewych ch., Roff. dioc., presented by J. late Bishop of Rochester:—6 kal. Dec., at Lambeth, John de London to Werehorn ch., Cant. dioc., *vice* Jas., late rector, dec., presented by Ric. de Bedeford:—id. Dec., at Mortlake, Robt. de Lang, to Stoutyng ch., *vice* Gerinus, late rector, resigned, presented by Wm. de Kyrkeby:—Croydon. 14 cal. Jan. Wm. de Stertinton, to Marden vicarage, presented by the Abbot of Lesnes.

1283[-4]. Id. Jan., at Wherwell, Wm. de Iford, to Bydindenn ch., *vice* Robt. de Bradegar, dec.:—15 kal. Feb., at Mottesfont, John de Preston, to Serres vicarage, *vice* Luke, resigned, presented by
f. 54 b. the prior of Ledes:—Monday, Eve of Conversion of S. Paul, at Bytterne, Peter de Guldeford, to Bisschopesburne ch., *vice* Robt. de Culerne, dec., in the abp.'s patronage:—6 kal. Feb., at Tichefeld, Walter de Saford, to Hevere ch., presented by the prior of Cumbewell:—4 kal. Feb., at Suwyke, Walter de Maldone, to Chart ch., presented by the prior of Leeds:—6 id. Feb., at Southmalling, custody of Prestone vicarage, to Wm. de Tyford:—14 kal. Mart., at Southmallyng, Hamo de Braburn, to Lenham vicarage, *vice* John, late vicar dec., presented by the Abbot of St. Augustine's:—12 kal. Mart., Simon de Stone, to Oterindenn ch., *vice* Philip, resigned, presented by Sir Ralph de Otrindenn; Robt. de Lindested to vicarage of Faversham, *vice* Gilbert de Stratton, resigned, presented by Abbot of St. Augustine's:—4 kal. Mart., at Maghefeld, Simon de Wynchelese, to St. Mary's in Romney Marsh, *vice* Wm. de Yford resigned:—4 Non. Mart., at Sevenake, Thos. de Esthalle, to Hathfeld ch., presented by Alex. de Baliol:—Non. Mart., at Otford, Burstow ch., commended to Nic. le Vineter of Lewes:—7 id. Mart., at Otford, Adburgton ch., Chich. dioc., commended to Ralph de Cheyne:—1284, 8 kal. April, John Peyforer, to Wycheling ch., presented by Sir Wm. Peyforer:—Non April, at Tenham, Peter de Bordenn', to Lyndested vicarage, presented by the Archdeacon of Canterbury:—17 kal. Maii, at Wengeham, Reyner de Vichio, to Hese ch., on the deprivation of Peter de Bardonis:—2 Non. April, Roger, chaplain of Otford to vicarage
f. 55. of Freningeham (Farningham), in the abp.'s patronage:—11 kal. Maii, at Saltwode, Wm. de Orpintone, to vicarage of Orpintone, presented by Roger de Derteford:—17 kal. April, at Otford, Anselm de Estrya, to the ch. of Estrya, in the abp.'s patronage.

Hamo de Oxburg, vicar of Molton. No. DXLI.

17 kal. Jun., at Mortlake, John de Lurdindenn, to Chillinden ch., in the abp.'s patronage this time:—4 id. Maii, Nicolas le Vineter, of Lewes, to Burstowe ch., Winton dioc.:—13 kal. Jun., at Hareghes, Wm. de Sardinia, to ch. of Great Chert:—at Bangor, Hugh de Dereby, presented to Milkcherche, London, by the prior of Christchurch, Canterbury:—5 Non. Jul. at Tewyn, Bangor dioc., Robt. de Kemesyng, to Eytham ch., Roff. dioc., presented by Nic. de
f. 55 b. Cryel and Wm. de Kyrkeby:—6 id. Jul., at St. David's, Thos. de

Moristone, to Moristone ch., presented by Sir Barth. de Moristone:—10 kal. Nov. at Kaversham, Wm. de Halyberg to Merstham ch., in the abp.'s patronage; Adam de Reygate, to vicarage of Hakynton, near Canterbury:—9 kal. Nov., at Stoke Basset, Wm. de Sardinia, to Chuddingestone ch.

f. 56. *Sequestra et eorum Relaxationes.*

1279. Non Jul., Robt., vicar of Glynde. Partially released, 12 kal. Aug.:—2 Non Sept., at Otford, absolution of Wm., friar of Ware:—9 kal. Dec., at Berkinge, release for John de Sicca Villa, rector of All Hallows the Great in Tames Strate, London.

Absolution of Master and Brethren of St. Thomas of Acon for refusing visitation. London, St. Andrew's Day, 1279.

To the Master of the Hospital of Maideston, sequestration of Maidstone ch. Bocking, 2 Non. Jan.

f. 56 b. i. To the D. & C. of St. Paul's, concerning property of the See of Canterbury, deposited with them by Kilwardby, —Derby. 12 kal. April. cons. 2.

ii. Sequestration of Coleshull ch. for prioress of Markyate.

iij. To the Bp. of Cov. & Lich. Asks him to release the sequestration of the churches of Etwell and Dugmanton on complaint by Abbot of Welebek. Derleg, 10 kal. April.

iv. To the Prior of Tutbury. No. XCIX. Similar letter for the Prior of St. Thomas, "contra barbarium episcopi Cestriæ."

v. To the official of Canterbury. No. CV.

f. 57. i. Release of sequestration of Morley ch., Gerard de Wypens, rector. Shrewsbury, 15 kal Jul.

ij. To the Archdeacon of Norfolk. Concerning sequestration of goods of late Hen. de Hanekele, of Wretham. Shrewsbury, 15 kal. Jul., cons. 2.

iij. Release of sequestration of Lillington ch. at instance of prior of Kenilworth. St. Thomas, 13 kal. Aug. cons. 2.

iv. To the Dean of Gartree. No. CXI.

v. Sequestration of tithes of the prior of Dover at Wodecherch.

vi. To the Abbot of Deulacres. Supersedeas in their cause with Sir Ric. de Sandbache. Boggeden. 1 Sept., cons. 2.

vij. Release of the sequestration of Lillington ch. Geywoode, 13 kal. Febr. 1280[-1].

f. 57 b. i. Citation of those who molest Wm. de Ochetot in possession of the vicarage of Cherring.

ij. Sequestration of Wrotham and Lyming churches. Slyndon, 5 id. Jul. 1281.

iij. To the Bishop of Rochester. No. CLXXV.

iv. To the Archdeacon of Lewes. No. CLXXVII.

f. 58. i. Sequestration and citation of Abbot of Combermere. 7 kal. Aug. Slindon.

ii. Appointment of Roger de Derteford "yconomus" during decision of the disputed election of John Pycot as dean of Exeter. 1 Aug.

iij.–v. Sequestration of Hellingeleg and Tangemere churches. Friday after, and morrow of St. Lawrence.

vi.–viij. Release of churches of St. Uveli, Cornwall, Stalham, Norwic. dioc. 19 kal. Aug., and Frissewater, in the Isle of Wight. 17 kal. Sept.

ix. To the Dean of Winchester. No. CLXXXIII.

x. Sequestration of Wyrardisbyry ch., for a pension due to the Abbot of Gloucester. Ichull, 17 kal. Jan.

f. 58 b. i. To the Bishop of Salisbury. No. CLXXXIV.

ij.–iii. Sequestration of Isefeld and Glynde churches. 14 and 13 kal. Sept.

iv. To the Dean of Pevensey. No. CLXXXVII.

v. Release of sequestration of church of St. Mary Ottery, which is said to belong to the Chapter of Rouen.

vj. Sequestration of Wolfricheston, which is appropriated to foreign monks. id. Oct.

vij. Of Horeburn and Egebaston. 7 kal. Nov.

viij. Abjuration by Sir Reginald Fitz Peter of his concubine, with an oath to go to the Holy Land, if he relapses. Chilbalton near Werwell. 6 id. Dec.

f. 59. i. To his official. No. CCIX.

ij. To the Bishop of London. No. CXCVII.

iij. Release of sequestration of goods of Lewes Priory. Mortelake. 12 kal. Jan. 1281.

iv. Orders the bailiff of Lymminge to allow expenses for tilling the land of the church there. Otford 1 Jan., cons. 3.

f. 59 b. i. To Gregory de Rokeslec. No. CCXV.

ij. Release of sequestration, for Prior of St. Mary's Southwark. Croydon. kal. Jan. cons. 3.

iij. For the Prior of Pritewell. 5 id. Jan. Suthmalling.

iv. For Lambert de Mouneto of churches of Subcherche and Dunstalle. Sat. after Epiphany, 1281[-2].

v. Excommunication of those who violate the sequestration of Ringwood ch. Suthmallyng, 15 kal. Feb. consec. 3.

vi. To the official of the Archdeacon of Sudbury. No. CCXVI.

f. 60. Release of sequestrations for the Prior of Lewes, of Wrotham and Lyming ch. Hecham ch., Norw. dioc., Mortun ch., Exeter dioc., Michelemares ch., Winton dioc. Dates from 5 id. Feb. to 12 kal. April 1281[-2] :—Sequestration of Faveresham vicarage and citation of Gillebert the vicar. Id. April :—Release of sequestrations for the Abbot of Malmesbury, 16 cal. Maii ;* for John le Romeyn.

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12 kal. Maii:—Sequestration of Schorham ch. Mortlake 2 Non Maii. 1282.

f. 60 b. Release of Otteford ch., Slindon, 14 kal. Jun. Citation of Rector of Isefeld and sequestration. Suthmalling, kal. Jul., cons. 4:—of Radgrave and Ryseby churches, Edm. de Ho., rector. Cherring, 2 id. Jul.

To Bp. of Lincoln, asking him to sequestrate Wyradesbury ch., of which Robt. Le Wyse is rector. Aldyngton, 1 Sept. 1282. Sequestration of Hese, Aldington, 18 kal. Oct.

Release of Hese. Rothelan, 2 id. Nov., Ord 4. Order for Thos., Vicar of Wynterburnestok, then dean of Wyly, to account for fruits of Stapelford ch. Blockele, 5 kal. Feb. Ordin. 5.

f. 61. Citation of R. de Pikeringe, rector of Halveton. Hertlebury, 5 id. Feb. 1282[-3].

Sequestration of Neuton ch., Tewkesbury, 5 kal., Mart. Release of Neuton, 1 April 1283. Order to distrain at Tangemere. 3 Non. April. Citation of the rectors of Herietesham, Stapelhurst, Kenardington, Boclaunde, Old Romenal, Snaves, Wychelinge, Tunstalle, Stokebury, Northton, Preston, Baddlesmere, St James Dover, Hystlangedon, Rypple, Knolton, St. Peter's Sandwich, Acrise, All Saints, Canterbury, Eschedeford, Hestwelle, Great Chert, Little Chert, Plukelege, and Eymerstone, Aldington, Cherringe, Westwelle, Slyndon, Isefelde, Earde, Kerstane, Cheveninge, Eynesford, St. Vedasts, All Hallows, Bredstrete, Paternoster cherche, St. Leonard's Estchepe, St. Denis, St. Michael in Candlewykstrete, Neuton, Halgytone, Hese, Borstouwe, and Wymbeldone, for refusing to be present at celebration of orders. Mortlake, 8 id. April.

f. 61 b. 7 April at Croydon, the dean of Croydon was forbidden to release sequestrations without orders.

Sequestration of pension paid by the abbot at Chertsey to Emanuel, archdeacon of Cremona, Canterbury, 15 kal. Maii 1283; of the goods of Walter de Cancia, late rector of Acryse, for the repairs of the church. Southmalling, Non. Jul. 1283.

Release of the sequestration of Stokbury ch. Tenham, 12 Oct.:—Sequestration of Peckham ch. (Sussex). Otford. 4 Non. Aug.

To his official. No. D.

To Martin, his commissary, orders him to sequestrate the Churches of Kestane, All Saints Canterbury, Ronardinton (Kenardington), Snaves, Brokelond, Herietesham, Rypple, West Langinden, Hautfeld, and Norton, in Shoreham deanery, and to compel Peter de Satiniaco, rector of Herietesham and Robt. de Colerne, rector of Burne, to reside on their cures. Slyndon, 3 kal. Jan.

f. 62. Citation of the rectors of Multon and Hadley for non-residence. Slyndon, 3 kal. Jan.

Release of the sequestration of Cerring church, Giles de Audenardo, rector. Chedeham, 3 Non. Jan.

f. 64. *Literæ Domini Papæ directæ Domino,* 1281.

i. Martin IV. to Peckham, &c. No. CXCIII.

f. 64 b. *Literæ Domini Papæ directæ Domino et literæ Domini directæ Cardinalibus.*

i. To the Bishop of London. No. CCXI.
ij. To Card. Chioletti. No. CCXXV.

f. 65. *Litteræ directæ domino Papæ et Cardinalibus.*

i. To Card. Hugh of Evesham. No. CCXXIV.
ij. To Card. Matthew Orsini. No. CXCI.
f. 65 b. i. To the Proctor of the Friars Minors at Rome. No. CCXXVIII.
ij. To Card. Benedict Gaetano. No. CCLXVI.
iij. Appointment of Ph. de Pomonte and Jas. de Trebys, proctors at Rome. Mortlake, 1 May, 1282.
f. 66. i. To Martin IV. No. CCCCXCV.
f. 66 b. i. To Cardinal Matthew Orsini. No. CCCCXCVII.
ij. To Pope Martin IV. No. CCCCXCVI.
iij. To the Bishop of Prœneste. No. DXXIX.
f. 67. i. To the Bishop of Tusculum. No. DXXX.
f. 67 b. i. To Card. G. Giancolet de Clinchamps. No. DXXXI.
ij. To Card. Hugh of Evesham. No. DXLII.
f. 68. i. To the Bishop of Tusculum. No. DXLIV.
ij. To Card. G. de Alatro. No. DCIII.
iij. To the Cardinals. No. DCXXV.
f. 68 b. i. To Card. Mathew Orsini. No. DCXXVI.
f. 69. i. To Card. Giancolet de Clinchamps. No. DCXXVII.

Literæ pro conservandis libertatibus directæ domino regi et justiciariis suis, 1279, *consecr.* 1. *Mense Junio.*

f. 70. i. To J. de Reygate and other justices. No. X.
ij. To John de Reygate, No. XII.

iij. To A. de Chaunceus, Sheriff of Surrey, and Sussex. No. XI.
iv. To the official of the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. LIV.

f. 70 b. i. To Edward I. No. XCII.
ij. To Edward I. No. XCIV.

f. 71. i. To J. de Somersete. No. CII.
ij. To the rectors in exempt places. No. CIX.
iij. To the bailiff of South Malling. No. CXXXV.

f. 71 b. i. Visitation. No. CLXVIII.
ij. To the barons and bailiffs of Rye. No. CXCIV.
iij. To the Dean of Arches. No. CCXXVI.
iv. To Wm. Norman. No. CCXXVII.

f. 72. i. Royal Chapels. No. CXXV.

f. 72 b. i. Dean and Canons of Wolverhampton. No. CXII.
ij. Tedisius de Camilla. No. CCCXXV.

f. 73. i. Visitation of Hereford. No. CCCLXVIII.

f. 73 b. i. Public instrument concerning the case of appeal between the prior and convent of Coventry and the bishop of Cov. and Lich. St. Augustine's Bristol. 18 March 1283[–4]. indict. 11.
ij. Grant of the third part of the men of Haleweleg to the prior and brethren of St. John of Jerusalem. Slyndon, Non. Jun. 1283.
iij. Christchurch, Canterbury. No. CCCCXXXVII.

f. 76. *Literæ directæ episcopis et episcoporum directæ domino.* 1281 *Mense Jan. consecr.* 3.

i. To the bishop of Hereford. No. CCXVIII.
ij. To the bishop of Salisbury. No. CCXX.
iij. To the dean and chapter of Salisbury. No. CCXXI.
iv. Bishop of Hereford to Peckham. No. CCXIX.

f. 76 b. i. To the bishop of Cov. and Lich. Desires him to reunite the Ch. of Uttexh' (Uttoxeter), which he had divided, and to institute Hugh de Vicania, presented by Edmund the King's brother. Lambeth. Non. Feb. 1281[–2]. consecr. 3.

f. 77. i. To the Bishop of Salisbury. No. CCXXXVIII.
ij. The Bishop and chapter of Salisbury. No. CCXXXIX.

f. 77 b. i. To the Bishop of Hereford. No. CCXXXII.
ij. To the Bishop of London. No. CCXXXVII.

f. 78. i. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCXL.
ij. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCXLIII.
iij. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. CCXLVI.
iv. To the Bishop of London. No. CCXLVII.

f. 78 b. i. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CCXLVIII.
ij. To the Bishops of his province. No. CCLIV.

iij. The Bishop of London to Peckham. No. CCXXXVI.
f. 79. i. The Bishop of Bath to Peckham. No. CCLV.
ij. To the Bishop of London. No. CCLXVII.
iij. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. CCLXX.
f. 79 b. i. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. CCLXXIV.
ij. To the Bishop of Landaff. No. CCLXXX.
iij. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. CCLXXVII.
iv. To the Bishop of London. No. CCLXXXIII.
v. To the Bishop of St. Asaph. No. CCLXXXIV.
f. 80. i. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCXCIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. CCXCV.
iij. To the Bishop of Norwich. No. CCXCVI.
f. 80 b. i. To the Bishop of Rochester. No. CCXCIX.
ij. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCI.
iij. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCIX.
iv. To the Bishop of Norwich. No. CCCX.
f. 81. i. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCCXI.
ij. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCXII.
iij. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCCXIII.
iv. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCCXV.
f. 81 b. i. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCXVI.
ij. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CCCXVII.
iij. To the Bishop of St. Asaph. No. CCCXXVIII.
f. 82. i. To the Archbishop of York. No. CCCXXXI.
ij. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCXXXII.
iij. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCXXXIII.
iv. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCXXXIX.
v. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CCCLXIII.
f. 82 b. i. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCLXIX.
f. 83. i. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCLXXIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. CCCLXXVIII.
iij. To the Bishop of Llandaff. No. CCCLXXIX.
f. 83 b. i. To the Bishop of Leighlin. No. CCCLXXXII.
ij. To the Bishop elect of Hereford. No. CCCLXXXIII.
iij. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCXCI.
f. 84. i. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CCCXCVI.
ij. To the Bishop elect of Hereford. No. CCCXCVII.
iij. To the Bishop of Bath and Wells. No. CCCCI.
iv. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. CCCCIX.
v. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCCXI.
f. 84 b. i. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. CCCCXII.
ij. To the Bishop of Hereford. No. CCCCXIV.
iij. To the Bishop of Hereford. No. CCCCXV.
iv. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCCXVI.
f. 85. i. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCCXXIV.
ij. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. CCCCXXI.

f. 85 b. i. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. CCCCXXVI.
ij. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. CCCCXXVII.
iij. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CCCCXXX.
iv. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. CCCCXXXI.
f. 86. i. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. CCCCXXXVIII.
ij. To the Bishops of his province. No. CCCCXL.
f. 86 b. i. To the Bishop of Norwich. No. CCCCXLVII.
ij. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. CCCCLIV.
iij. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCCLXIII.
iv. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCCLXV.
f. 87. i. To the Bishop of London. No. CCCCLXVI.
ij. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. CCCCLXXII.
f. 87 b. i. Mem. of a notice of visitation sent to the Bishop Elect of Rochester, to commence 1 Oct. Aldington, 3 cal. Sept.
ij. To the Bishop of Autun. No. CCCCLXXXI.
iij. Mem. of notice of visitation sent to the Bishop of Winchester, to commence 3 Nov. 1 Oct.
iv. To the Bishop of Rochester. No. CCCCLXXXVI.
f. 88. i. To the Bishop of Rochester. No. CCCCLXXXVIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. CCCCXCVIII.
iij. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. DI.
f. 88 b. i. To the Bishop of Bath. No. DIX.
ij. Bishop of London to Peckham. No. DXI.
f. 89. i. To the Bishop of London. No. DXIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. DXIV.
f. 89 b. i. To the Bishop of St. Asaph. No. DXV.
ij. To the Bishop of London. No. DXVII.
iij. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. DXXVII.
f. 90. i. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. DXXXII.
ij. To the Bishop of Durham. No. DXXXIII.
iij. To the Bishop of Chichester. No. DXXXIV.
f. 90 b. i. Notice of visitation to the bishops of St. Asaph (twice) Bangor, St. David's and Llandaff, to commence on the morrow of St. Barnabas, Monday after St. John's day, morrow of translation of St. Thomas and morrow of St. James. Wingham, 17 cal. Maii.
ij. To the Bishop of Rochester. No. DXLIX.
iij. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. DL.
f. 91. i. To the Bishop of Worcester. No. DLI.
ij. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. DLVI.
iij. To the Bishop of St. Asaph. No. DLVII.
f. 91 b. i. To the Bishop of Bangor. No. DLXIV.
ij. To the Bishop of Llandaff. No. DLXVI.
iij. To the Bishop of Bangor. No. DLXX.
iv. Citation of bishops for consecration of the bishop-elect of Salisbury. Alcester, Friday after St. Lawrence's day.

f. 92. i. To the Bishop of Bangor. No. DLXVIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Bangor and Anian son of Llewellyn. No. DLXIX.
iij. The Bishop of St. Davids to Peckham. No. DLXVII.
iv. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. DLXXVI.

f. 92 b. i. Excommunication of R. de Bella Fago. No. DLXXX.
ii. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. DLXXVIII.
iij. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. DLXXXV.

f. 93. i. To the Bishop of St. Asaph. No. DXCVIII.
ij. To the Bishop of Salisbury. No. DCIV.
iij. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. DCVI.
iv. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. DCXV.

f. 93 b. i. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. DCXVI.

f. 94. *Literæ directæ Domino Regi*, 1279.

i. To the Justices. No. IX.
ij. To Edward I. No. LXI.
iij. Summons to the archbishop to appear at Chichester before the justices in eyre to warrant Nic. Malemeis and his wife for land in Aldewic claimed by Robt. Dundemel.
iv. To Edward I. No. CXIII.

Literæ captionis, against Ric. de Ytenard, chaplain, 4 id. Aug.; John Hardel, 14 kal. Sept.; Traier, filius Madoci, Howel ab Traher, Sampson ab Yorword and Reginald ab Yorword. Id. Dec., and Wm. de Welnetham. Donemawe, 7 Id. Jan.[1]

f. 94 b. i. To Llewellyn, Pr. of Wales. No. CXV.
ij. To Edward I. No. CXXVIII.
iij. To Edward I. No. CXXIX.

f. 95. i. To Edward I. No. CXLIX.
ij. To Edward I. No. CLI.
iij. To Edward I. No. CLII.

f. 95 b. i. To Edward I. No. CLIV.
ij. To Edward I. No. CLXIV.
iij. To Edward I. No. CLXVI.

f. 96. i. To Edward I. No. CLXVII.
ij. Licence to the bishop of Derry (Darensi), to hold an ordination in the bishopric of Winchester. Mottesfunte. 4 kal. Jun.
iij. Attestation as to the payment of a bequest of 500 mks. by R. King of Almain to the Friars Preachers of Germany. Potern. 2 Non. . . 1281.
iv. To the Archdeacon of Derby. No. CLXXI.

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v. To the Bishop of Cov. and Lich. No. CLXXII.

f. 96 b. i. To the Bishop of Bath. No. CLXXVI.

ij. To Edward I. No. CXCVIII.

Literæ captionis against Simon le Neve, Slyndon, 7 id. Jul.; the Abbot of Cumbermare, and Wm. de Wroycester, Robt. Bolt, Everard, Hugh de Campeden, Andrew, and Roger Font, monks of the same house. 6 kal. Aug. Traher filius Madoch, Howel ab Traher, Sampson ab Yoward, Reginald ab Youarth, Eynon ab Youarth, Yowan ab Walter, Wm. ab Boghel, vicar of La Wennok, David vicar of La Lowel, David de Gryffit, vicar of Spemederin, John Vicar, Ph. ab Wien, Vicar, and Richard Vicar, rector of Carprengy ch. Menev. dioc. 1 Aug.:—Robt. Beaupel, knt., David de Forshull, Hen. Baryl, Wm. Baghel, and Benedict de la Pylle, Suthmalling, Eve of Assumption:—Warin de Marcellis, knt., Christchurch (Hants) 3 kal. Dec. 1281.

f. 97. i. To Edward I. No. CXCIX.

f. 97 b. i. To Edward I. No. CCIV.

ij. To Edward I. No. CCXII.

f. 98. *Litera captionis* against Reginald de Scaumton, Southmalling. Wed. after St. Hillary.

i. To the sheriff of Warwick. No. CCXXIX.

ij. To Edward I. No. CCXXX.

iij. License to Thos. de Weyland and other justices to hold an assize of darrein presentment during Lent in favour of the prior and convent of Huntingdon. Mortlake, 6 id. Feb. 1281[–2] (istæ non exierunt).

iv. To John de Vallibus and W. de Saham, justices, in favour of John, *dictus* Athelwold, executor of Robt. Toly, of Northcreyk. Mortlake, 6 id. Feb.

f. 98 b. i. To Edward I. No. CCXXXI.

ij. To Edward I. No. CCXXXIII.

f. 99. i. To Edward I. No. CCLIII.

ij. To Edward I. No. CCLXIII.

iij. To Edward I. No. CCLXV.

Literæ captionis against Gilbert Bokeler and Roysa his wife, of London. Mortlake, 6 id. Feb., and Terne, 13 kal. Dec.:—Wm. Danvers, Floukestun, 8 cal. Mart.:—Wm. Godenhale, Mortlake, 15 cal. May 1282:—Ralph de Tangemere, Mortlake, 9 cal. May:—Ric. de Denham:—Ralph Turgis, of Farnham. Mortlake, 5 cal. Maii.

f. 99 *b*. i. To Edward I. No. CCLXVIII.

ij. To the Collectors of the Subsidy. No. CCLXXV.

iij. To his Treasurer. No. CCLXXVI.

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[1] The *literæ captionis* on each page are put together for convenience.

iv. To Edward I. No. CCLXXVIII.

Litera captionis against Wm. Bloyhou, Wm. de la Sturte, Luke de la Yalledone, Robt., son of Walter Long, and Geoffrey Marmiset, at the instance of Reginald le Arceveke, rector of Pundestok. Terringes, 7 cal. Jul. 1282.

f. 100. i. To Edward I. No. CCXC.
ij. To Edward I. No. CCC.
iij. To Edward I. No. CCCXVIII.

Mems. of *Literæ captionis* against Ric. de Acton and Beatrice his wife, at the instance of Adam de Chetewynde, Suthmalling, 6 id. Jul. 1282 :—Roger de Wellington, Wengham, 2 Non. Aug.; John de Pundeford, Sugwas, 7 id. Jan. 1282[-3], and for the liberation of Ric. de Braunford and his son. 5 cal. Sept.

f. 100 b. i. To Edward I. No. CCCXXXVII.
ij. To Edward I. No. CCCLXXII.
iij. To Edward I. No. CCCLXXX.

f. 101. i. To Edward I. No. CCCCV.
ij. *Litera captionis* against Augustin, late vicar of Wymeringe. Mortlake, 2 cal. April.
iij. To Edward I. No. CCCCVI.
iv. To Edward I. No. CCCCXVII.

f. 101 b. i. Edward I. to Peckham. No. CXCV.
ij. Edward I. to Peckham. No. CXCVI.
iij. Edward I. to Peckham. No. CCVII.
iv. Edward I. to Convocation. No. CCCLXXXIV.
v. To Edward I. No. CCCCXXIII.

Facta Diversa.

f. 102. Complaints of the bishops. No. CCLVII.

f. 102 b. Peckham's reply. No. CCLVII. (p. 332).

f. 103. 1281[-2]. Benediction of Elena de Percy as Abbess of Wherwell, in the chapel of the bp. of Salisbury, 1st Sunday in Lent; appointment of Hen. de Brandeston as coadjutor to Robt. bp. of Salisbury, the Monday following :—Surrender of the Seal of the Deanery of the Arches by Roger de Rothwell. Mortlake, 7 id. Maii :—and the delivery thereof to Andrew de Kylkenny. 6 id. Maii.

J. Warden of the Friars Minors in London and others to Peckham, concerning the account of the executors of Walter, late bp. of Rochester. [1282].

f. 103 b. Ordination held on Trinity eve, 10 cal. Jun. 1282, consecr. 4, in the church of the Friars Minors in Chichester, Robt. de Lacy and Peter de Guldeford, examiners.

Priests :—John Torel de Merewe, Robt. de Dovoria, Wm. de Peterfeud, rector of Warblington, Robt. de Sperham, rector of Phileby, Ph. de Tranfeld, rector of Burwarmersch, Barth. de

Brudeport, vicar of Wyscheburne, Roger de Rothewelle, rector of Merstham, Nic., rector of Abbingewrthe, Winton dioc., Ric. de Otringdene, Alan de Audebury, monk of Waverlegh, John de Cliva, Robt. de Tangemere, John de Wadhurst, Ph. de Guldeford, rector of Morstede, Wm de Wykham, rector of Ennestan, Linc. dioc., John, rector of Lameth, John de Wynton, canon of Tichefeud, Wm. de Ystholte, Edm. le Blund, vicar of Portesya. Friars Minors:—David de Rumeseya, John de Bedewynde, John de Portesye, John de Ravenestone, John de Leyebroke, Ralph de Creydone, John de Calne, Wm. de Dale.

Deacons:—Gregory de Suthelmham, Geoffrey de Churlewude, Wm. de Toringtone, Wm. Parys of Havunt, Walter de Bampton,
f. 104. rector of St. James, Dover, Robt. de Hamptone, canon of Suwyk; Wm. de Odiham and Walter de Westminster, Monks of Waverlyh, Ric. de Slyndon, Ric. de Hou, rector of Sturmuwe, Matthew, rector of St. Mary Magdalene's, Canterbury, Thos. de Ringmere, Simon Faber, Humfrey de Stanmere; John de Pedertone and Robt. de Toteford, canons of Tichefeud; John de Kyngesdune and Wm. Kerebrec, Friars Minors.

Subdeacons:—Thos. de Ichene, canon of Suwyk, Ralph de Westlyh, rector of Paternoster cherche, John de Cliva, Walter de S. Michaele, Friar Minor.

Acolytes:—Wm. de la Hasele, Peter de Havunte, Wm. de Sandhurst, John Hachard de la Palente, Ric. de Westebrok, Wm. de Bartone, Wm. de Havonte, John de Chudingefaude.

Benediction of Robt. de Popham, as abbot of the Hyde. Slyndon, St. Barnabas Day.

f. 104 b. i. Certificate of the ordination of Wm. de Holaym. South Malling, Non. Jul. 1282.

ii. Division of Wingham. No. CCCVII.

Confirmation by the prior and chapter of Christchurch. Non. Aug.

f. 105. i. Separation of the chapel of Pascynges from the parish of Terryng. Wengeham, 4 Non. Aug. 1282.

ii. To the Abbot of Reading. No. CCCXXI.

f. 105 b. i., ij. Instruments concerning the absolution of Adam, prior of St. Swithin's, Wm. de Basingestoke, and other monks. 31 July and 10 Aug. 1282.

f. 106. Ordination held in the church of Hethe, on Saturday, quatuor Temporum in Sept. 1282, consecr. 4.

Priests:—Geoffrey de Churlewude, John de Cotygham, Stephen de Peddinge, Wm. de Wyngeham, Gilbert Brent, Roger de Stapele, Thos. Wytheward, Wm. de Betleshangre, Alex. de parochia Omnium Sanctorum.

Deacons:—Ralph, rector of St. Michael's, Paternoster cherche, London, Robt. de Sellynge, John de Littleburne, Alex. de

Honiton, Ivo de Westgate, John de Grantiger, Jas., rector of Wrensele, Hugh de la Thime, Wm. de Sandwyco, Roger Prechur, of Canterbury, John de Dene, John Achard, of Canterbury.

Subdeacons :—J. de Boctone archiepiscopi, Trinitarian Friar of
f. 106 b. Modindenne, Thos. de Redingate, Wm. de Stapele, Clement de Esse, Hamo de Doure, John de Hardres, Wm. de Ifeld, rector of Halstede, John de Seghurst, Stephen, rector of Kestane, Roger de Bredene de Cant', John de Dytefold, of the Domus Dei, Dover, Thos. de Cheilton, Samo de Dovor, Nic. de Chertham.

Acolytes :—John de Pivelesdone, John de Wyngeham, John de Itham, Barth. de Ridelyngewalde, Thos. de Chert, Hugh de Clyva, John de Niwechurche, Wm. de Pileholte, Wm. de Pollingefaud, rector of Ruzesparre, John de Illege, Robt. de Wyngeham, Thos. Cu de Cant', Peter de Bureweremares, Robt. de Stodmerse, Robt. de Northburne, Nic. de Scholden, John de Doveria.

Inspeximus of a grant by the Dean and Chapter of Hereford to P[eter de Egeblaunch], Bp. of Hereford, of land, etc., acquired by him. Hereford, 4 cal. Jun. 1256 :—Sugwas, Thursday after Epiphany, 1282[-3].

f. 107. Grant of the advowson of Aldelyme, Cheshire, to the Prior and Convent of St. Thomas, Stafford.

Names of persons ordained in Croyenden church, on Saturday, "qua Cantatur officium, *Sitientes*," 1283.

Acolytes :—Ric. Costin, of Croyenden, Alex. de Westwelle, John de Calchis, Robt. de Kemesinge, rector of Etheham, Barth. de Cherlewode, Gilbert de Reygate, Wm. le Coffrer de London, Walter, "filius Mercatoris," de Croyendene, Jordan Moraunt de Otteford, Robt. de Hadresham in Burstowe, Henr. Dereby.

Subdeacons :—Wm. de Eylesbury, John de Lamburne in Mepham, John de S. Radegunda, Canon of Hastings, Godfrey Moraunt de Otteford, Gilbert de Langedone, John de Schorham ; Robt. de Clive and Roger de Mepham, canons of Lisnes, Ric. de ——, Monk of Battle, fr. John de Reygate.

Deacons :—John de Cliva, John de Westfeld, Walter, rector of Lovente, Peter de Cheyham, Walter Godman, John de Risberge, fr. Robert de Boclonde, fr. Wm. de Trumpetone, Henr. de Waledene, Roger Burt, rector of Herghes.

Priests :—Alex. de Huniton, the rector of St. Mark's, Lewes, Robt. de Suthwerk, Gilbert de Reynham, John de Denne, Thos. de Ringmere, Wm. Foliot, rector of Culinge, Wm. de Wymbeldone, Wm. de Croyendene, John, monk of Battle.

In the jurisdiction of the archdeacon of Canterbury.

Acolytes :—Robt. Lumbre of Sandwich, John Payforer, Robt. de Ewell.

Subdeacons :—Thos. de Davinton, Benj. de Mersham, Odo de Estchart, Hugh de Berencestre.

Deacons:—Thos. de Pymesdenne, Robt. de Sotton, Hamo de Dovor, Hamo de Braburne, Thos. de S. Paulo, Wm. de Faversham, Wm. de Lumbre, Edm. de Breg'.

Priests:—Alex. de Honitone, Wm. de Burtone, rector of Ycheninge, Thos. de Cheltone, Hugh de la Thone de Truleg, John de Denne, Peter de Sidingeburne, John de Chert, Wm. de Sandwyco.

Names of those ordained on Easter Eve, the same year.

Subdeacons:—Ralph de Burne, John de Hegeham, fr. John de Stallefeld, Michael de Wynchelse, rector of Horslegh.

Deacons:—Fr. Wm. de Tykenhurst, Roger de Fordwyco, Reg. de London, fr. John de Bere, fr. Nic. de Dale, friar Preacher, fr. Walter de Cant', the rector of Fordwich, John de Glovernia, Wm. de Yford, rector of "beate [Mariæ] in Marisco," John de Seghurst, rector of Halstede, Wm. de Haleberge, rector of All Saints.

f. 107 b. i. Indulgence. No. XXVI.

ij. Administration of the testament of T., late bp. of Hereford. R., now bishop, and Wm. de Montfort, precentor, executors. Lambeth. 5 id. Maii 1283.

Resignation of J. de Kyrkeby, elected bp. of Rochester. Michelham. 16 kal. Jul., 1283, ordin. 5.[1]

f. 108. Administration of the will of Luke de Tany. Pageham, 4 kal. Jun. 1283.

Names of persons ordained in the church of St. Mary of Westoute, Lewes, on Sat. "iv. temporum" in Whitweek, 1283, ordin. 5.

Acolytes:—Michael de Sevenhoke, fr. Nic. de Pontibus, Wm. Peytevyn, Hen. Gilbert de Magefeud, Robt. de Stanmere, Wm. de Fonte, Michael de Walecote, Roger de Withiham, Stephen Ferre.

Subdeacons:—Ric. de la Hoke de Cheveninge, John de Halctone, Ric. de Chalfloke, Peter de Clugny, monk of Lewes, Giles de Ringmere, Robt. de Kemesinge, rector of Etham, fr. Walter de Chalke, fr. Roger de Sutton.

Deacons:—John de Punz de Shoreham, Godfrey Moraunt, Ivo de Estchert, John de Derteford, fr. Richard, canon of Tunebrigg, John de Icham, Stephen de Suche, rector of Kestane, Joceus de Cant,' in London, Ric. de Cant,' fr. John de Maydenestane, fr. Thos. de Ponte Roberti.

Priests:—Gregory de Elmham, Hamo de Braburn, Thos. de Cant,' Wm., rector of St. Andrew's, Lewes, John de Westgate, Alan de Mildehale, J., vicar of Romenhal, Ric. de Tenham, canon of St. Gregory's, Wm. de Fineberge, fr. Stephen de

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[1] This is a small piece of vellum, stitched into the volume. On the other side are memoranda as to the character of an abbot and convent, apparently Battle, from the mention of Brecon and Exeter, which were cells of that abbey.

Keveresham, Minor, Odo de Baldesdene, monk of Lewes, fr. Roger de Kenigton, Humfrey de Stanmere, Symon de Cliva.

f. 108 b. i. Indulgence. No. CCCCLI.

ij. Licence to bury in the cemetery of Ringmere chapel, when access to South Malling church is impossible. South Malling, 2 Non. Jul. 1283. Ordin. 5.

iij. To Robt. rector of Hamme. No. CCCCLVII.

f. 109. i. Absolution of the executors of Walter, late bp. of Exeter. Southmalling, prid. kal. Jul. 1283.

ij. Exemption from rendering an account, to Hen. Lovel, steward. Tenham, 13 cal. Oct. 1283.

f. 109 b. Ordination held in St. Mary's church, Faversham, Sat. iv. temporum in Sept. 1283.

Acolytes:—Wm. de Bocton, Wm. de Riparia juxta Dovor', John Carbonel of Cherring, Hamo de Domo Dei de Ospringe, Roger de Dovor,' Ric. de la Bothe de Dovor, Roger Urre de Faversham, Hen. de Wenthope de Cant,' Simon Marchaunt de Faversham, John Doye de Cant,' Robt. de S. Dunstano de Cant, Roger de Hakinton, Wm. de Welles, Wm. de Burne, Peter de Bedding, John Lynch de Preston, John Pistor de Dovor, John de Taneto, Wm. de Mepham, Steph. de Taneto, Nic. de Blechinge, Martin de Burgate, Wm. de Lurdingedenne, John Hanekin de Cant,' Simon de S. Alfego, Alan de Herbaldone, Adam de Romenhal, Robt. Russel, Wm. de Bocton, John de Chellesfeud, Wm. de Preston, John Noble, Adam Dengherst, Hugh le Neuch, Thos. Delmeston, Gilbert Loges, John de Baggige, Walter Finch, Ralph de Sutton, Thos. de Moneketon, Hugh de Herbaldon, Peter de Brendle, Adam de Sindave, Thos. Furmur, John de Suvenak, John Fruter, Wm. de Polton, Stephen de Sutton, Adam de Godwyneston, Ralph de Beding,' Chr. de Brendle.

Subdeacons:—Hen. Mot, Nic. de Northgate, Wm. de la Gare, Roger de Cant,' Ralph, rector of Isefeld, Thos. de Chert, Salomon, fr. hospitalis Sacerdotum, Canterbury, John Sirild, Stephen de Stapele, Wm. de Selegrave, John de Chertham, Reg. de Sutton, Wm. de Hetham, Roger de Celling, Ric. Orenge, Robt. de Stedmerse, Robt. Rus de Wy, John, clk. of Herne, Thos. de Cylmereston.

Deacons:—Hugh de Burnecestre, Simon de Bocking, Thos. de Davinton, Robt. de Littleburne, John de Lamburne, Geoffrey de Nuningeton, John Fitz Nicholas, brother of the Domus Dei of Ospringe, John Hore, Nic. de Chertham, John de Chilham, John de Tocketon, John de Burne, Wm. le Noble.

f. 110. *Priests*:—Wm., rector of St. Mary's in the Marsh, Wm. de Apeldereham, Rog. Prædicator de Westgate, Robt. de Sutton, Wm. de Faversham, Hugo de Castro Bernardi, Adam de Boxle, Hugh Charles de Dovor, Rob. de Quicefeld in Dovor', Wm.

de Stapele, Wm. de Lumbre in Sandwich, John de Schorham, Ralph de Grangiis, John de Wynterburn, Walter Godman, Odo de Estchert, Gilbert de Lewes, Hen. Covenaunt, Wm. Wynter de Lewes.

Final compotus of the executors of Walter late bp. of Exeter. Mortlake, 7 cal. Nov.[1]

Profession of the Prior of St. Martin's, Dover.

f. 110 b. i. Certificate of the ordination of Robt. de Lacy, rector of Barton, Linc. dioc. Mortlake, 3 Non. Dec. 1283.

ij. The Bishopric of Worcester. No. CCCCXCIV.

f. 111. Ordination held in the abp.'s chapel at Croydon, 15 cal. Dec. 1283.

Acolytes:—Gilbert de Vure, Reg. de Brom, Robt. de Hotfeld, Edm. de Croyndon, Reg. de Croyndon, Peter de Leuesham, John Emel, Roger de London, Peter Poterel, Henry de Cantuaria, Hen. Dereby, Giles de Ringmere, Thos. de Wymbeldon, Thos. de Esthall, rector of Hatfeld.

Subdeacons:—Nic. de Dovorr, Renerius de Vichio, rector of Hese, Robt. de Cumba, Simon de Norhampton.

Deacons:—Jordan, rector of Burstowe, Ric. de Trenges, Jas. de Viscia, rector of Heydun S. Andreæ, Wm. de Scothundon, Roger de Myldenhale, Thos. de Beninton, Ralph de Isefeld, John de S. Leonardo, Salvagius de Florentia, rector of Westaveston, Hen. de Sporle, rector of Waldern, Chich. dioc., and John de Monte Acuto, Ric. de Flore, Ric. Oliver, friars minors.

Priests:—Roger Bourt, rector of Hareghes, Hugh de Burencestre, Ric. de Duninton, rector of Forwich, Thos. de S. Paulo, Cant', Edm. de Brugges, Clement de Esse, Simon de Bobbing, Wm. de Eilesbyry, Nic. de Chertham, Godfrey Morant, Ralph de Chenny, John de Gloucester, rector of Acrise, and Walter de Marleberge, John de Romeseye, Hen. de Waleden, friars minors.

Absolution of Nic., vicar of Ros, executor of Hen. de Hauekle, canon of Heref. and Lincoln., Southmalling, 16 cal. Mart. 1283[–4]. ordin. 6.

f. 111 b. Mem. of letters of ordination granted to John Snow.

Names of those ordained at Sevenoaks, on Sat. "iv. temporum" in the first week in Lent, 1283[–4].

Acolytes:—John de Sancto Laurentio, Walter de Hathewoldenne, John Chaumberleyn, Peter de Sevenak,' Henry de Sevenak,' Adam de Otteford, John le Butyllir, Hen. Scimming de Boxle, John de Boxle, Wm. de Boxle, Thos. de Northflete, Robt. de la Lynde, Gilbert de Sevenak.'

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[1] Among the property the following books are mentioned:—A Psalter, one part of the Pentateuch, with Gloss, Panteon Godefridi Viterbiensis, Liber Decretorum et Decretalium, Liber de Animalibus, Liber Avicennæ, Vegetius de Re Militari.

Subdeacons:—Bertram de Estria, the rector of Houtfeud, Hen. de Harifeud, Wm. de Bocstede, Adam de S. Albano, John de London' de Arcubus, Hen. de Herietesham, Robt. de Sevenak', Wm. de Chilham, Lambert de Wotone; Friars, John, Giles, Richard and Richard.

Deacons:—Wm. de Sellinge, John de Aula, Benjamin de Mersham, Nic. de Dovoria, Thos. de Eylmerst, John Marchaunt de Merstham, fr. Hugh de Tunebrigge, Wm., rector of Stokebirie, Simon de Wynchelese, rector of St. Mary's in the Marsh, Robert de Cumbe, friars Roger, Ralph, Roger, Patrick de Killepatric, minor.

Priests:—Wm., rector of Ovingdenne, Hen., rector of Wauderne, Robt. de Littleburne, Roger Arnald of Lewes, John de Icham, John de Lamburne; friars Thos. Walter and Robt. of Boxley; friar Stephen de Schelfhaungre, minor.

Wm. de Sardinia, examiner, John de Becles, his clerk.

f. 112. Names of those ordained at Osspring, on Saturday "qua cantatur *Sitientes*." 8 cal. April 1284.

Acolytes:—Robt. de Fecham, Monk of St. Augustines, Wm. de Leyborne, Simon de Sandwyco, Ric. de Prestone, Stephen de Hakenaved, Walter de Burgate, John de Sandwyco, Ric. Sprot, Thos. de Fauresham, John Capel de Northborne, Michael de Preston, Salomon de Sandwyco, Jas. de Dovorr', Wm. Pykeringe, John de Holmaneston, Edm. de Egethorne, Nic. de Sanwyco, Clement de Sellinge, Martin Scalmen', Ric. de Shelling, Thos. de Walclive, Wm. de Chertham, Roger de Suthcherche, Thos. de Meydenestane, Shemannus de Stapele, Thos. de Ylleghe, John Hurtre de Boctone, Walter de Meydenestan.

Subdeacons:—Thos. de Shellinge and Thos. de Hacoce, monks of St. Augustines, John de Huckyng, John de Ledes, Joceus de Crondel, Ric. Atte Brake, de Davinton, John Payfore, rector of Wycheling, John de Huking.

Deacons:—Salomon Traye, frater Hospitalis Sacerdotum at Canterbury, Hen. de Shelling, John de Hegham, monk of St. Augustines.

Priests:—Roger de la Breden', friars Thos. de London, Nic. de la Dale, Preachers, the rector of Parva Chert; Ric. de Davinton and Thos. de Cant,' canons of Ledes, Wm. de Norton.

Ordination held at St. Nicholas church, Newport, Cov. dioc., on Trinity Eve. *Subdeacon*:—Adam Le Gest, rector of Gydeshal, *Deacon*:—One Friar Minor. *Priests*:—Arnald Lupy de Tylis, rector of Krec, Norw. dioc. and two Friars Minors.

Absolution of Wm. and Simon de Radenor, executors of W. de Radenor, Bp. of Llandaff. Bergevenny, 3 non. Aug. "mcc. octo-" gesimo octavo (sic) ordinationis nostræ sexto."

Names of those ordained at Stikeswold, Linc. dioc., on Sat. "iv., temporum" in Sept. [1284].

Subdeacon:—Peter de Sevenak.'

Deacon:—The Rector of Chart.

Priests:—Roger de Cant,' Thos. de Elmerston, Ric. de Olneya, Ric., rector of Becle.

f. 112 b. Appointment by Thos. Prior and the convent of Christchurch Canterbury, of Robt. de Elham as their proctor. kal. Oct. 1284.

Appeal of, by Elham, against the consecration of Walter Scamel, bp. elect of Salisbury. Huntindon, 6. id. Oct.[1]

f. 113. i. Commission to Hen. Lovel and Walter de Chilecumbe, rector of Hitham, to audit the accounts of Thos. de Charteham, treasurer. Reading, Sunday after St. Luke's day.

ij. Renunciation by H., prior of Christchurch, of the appeal against the consecration of Walter Scamel. 3 kal. Mart. 1285[-6].[2]

f. 114. *Literæ Communes et Nomina Ordinatorum* A.D. MCC. [LXXXIIII.] *Ordin. Septimo.*

i. To the Chancellor of the Univ. of Oxford. No. DCXXXVII.

ii. To the Official of Canterbury. No. DCXXXVIII.

f. 114 b. i. To Peter Blanci. No. DCXXXIX.

ii. To the Official of Amiens. No. DCXL.

iij. To Lambert de Moygnet. No. DCXLI.

f. 115. i. To the Official of Chichester. No. DCXLII.

ij. To Thos. de Chertham. No. DCXLIII.

iij. To Wm. Daubeny, Canon of Hereford. No. DCXLIV.

f. 115 b. i. To Martin, the Commissary. No. DCLIV.

ii. Mem. of letter to warn the bailiffs of Winchelsea to cease their extortions on the tenants of the Church of Canterbury. Maghefeld, 14 kal. Jan.

iij. To the Dean of Shoreham. No. DCLV.

f. 116. i. Ordination held at Ambresbyry church, Sat. iv. temporum in Pentecost. May 1285.

Priests: The vicar of Preston, John de Aula, Adam Gust, rector of Ideshale.

Deacons:—Hen. de Herietesham, Wm. de Meleburne, Walter de Burencestre, Ric. de Bromholm, portionary of the church of Derle, in Pecko.

Subdeacons:—Ph. Lovel, with the title of Wytrichesham ch., Ralph Cyflewast.

ij. To Abbot of Clugny. No. DCXLVI.

f. 116 b. i. To the Abbot of Gloucester. No. DCXLVII.

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[1] Wilkins, ij., 113. [2] Wilkins, ij., 114.

ij. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCXLVIII.

f. 117. i. To Martin, his Commissary. No. DCXLIX.

ij. To the Abbot of Sherborne. No. DCL.

iij. Mem. of safe conduct for Adam de Schepeye, going to Rome. South Malling, 18 kal. Feb.

iv. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCLX.

f. 117 b. Names of persons of the diocese of Canterbury ordained at South Malling, on Saturday iv. temporum in Sept. 1285.

Acolytes:—Alex. de Berewyk, Hen. de Berewyk, John, Walter and Wm. Hamelyn, Jas. de Horle de Magefeud, Robt. de Belegrave, Nic. de Pluckele, John de Brocstede, Alex. de Benetleye, Thos. Chaunterel de Clyva, Roger de Cherlewode.

Subdeacons:—Rich. de Eselyng, friar preacher, Robt. "Primarius" of South Malling, Wm. Herth, Reginald Peke de South Malling, Rob., son of Ralph de South Malling, Thos. le Waleys, with title of Chert ch., and Hen. de Apeldrefeud and Ric. de Westgate, canons of Ledes.

Deacons:—Peter, monk of Lewes, Thos. de Ottele, Robert de Middelton, rector of Perham, Ric. de Okefeud, Wm. de Bocstede; and Reginald de Taneto, Nic. de Burne, John Achard, Simon de Valoynes, and Bartholomew, monks of Canterbury.

Priests:—Ralph, rector of Graveshende, John de Chileham, Bertram de Estria; and Robert de Dovor,' Ric. de Cantuaria, John de Westgate, Thos. de Bello, Hen. de Bello, John de London, and John de Wy, monks of Canterbury.

f. 118. Names of persons of the diocese of Chichester, ordained the same day, presented by Wm. de Cruceroys, official of the Bp. of Chichester, by commission, dated Cacham, 13 cal. Oct. 1285.

Acolytes:—Fr. Ric. de Bouenye de Micheleham, John Page de Woghham, Ric. Foty de Iford, John de Campis, Robt. Garlaund.

Subdeacons:—Walter Franciscus, Nigel de Coumbes, John de S. Edmundo, Roger de Sengelton, John Springaud, "Martinum dictum Monachum."

Deacons:—Hen. de Bixle, Win. de Dene, John Miles, Robt. de Findon, Robert, rector of Perham, Simon de Fyndon, John Lambert.

Priests:—Fratres Thos. and Ric. de Bello, Nic. Peverel, Nic. de Hamme, Simon Coleman, Ric. de Dale, Rob. de Lovente, Warin de Blachinton.

Names of persons of the diocese of Chichester, ordained at South Malling, on Sat. "iv. temporum," Dec. 1285.

Acolytes:—Ric. Scurel, John de Gurdlare, John de Massingham, Robt. Brineman, Ric. Hamund, Wm. de Baldesden, Hugo Apparitor.

Subdeacons:—Fr. Nic. de Lewes, fr. John de Lewes.

Deacons:—Fr. Gilbert de Lewes, fr. Martin de Lewes, fr. Ric. de Boxgrave, Hen. de Boxgrave, Walter de Petteworth, Ph. de Kyngeston.

Priests:—Wm. de Dene, Roger de Wythihamme.

f. 118 b. i. To the Provincial of the Dominicans. No. DCLI.

ij. To the Dean of South Malling. No. DCLII.

iij. To the General of the Franciscans. No. DCLIII.

f. 119. i. Names of persons of the diocese of Canterbury and others ordained in South Malling church, on Sat. "iv. temporum," Dec. 1285.

Acolytes:—Ric., *dictus* le Frie, de Terryng, Thos. de Monyngeham, John de Monengeham, Wyel de Ryssebergh, John de Hampton, Master of Lewes School, John de Rammeseye, John le Marescal, de Glynde.

Subdeacons:—John de Bregge, John, *dictus* Pistor de Pessing: fr. Michael, Nic. and Robt. of St. Radegund's, Walter de Stane, Hen. de Dodington, Ric. de Tangemere.

Deacons:—Robt. de Hastinges, rector of Pette, John Gocelyn, rector of Crokeston, Robt. de Stodmerse, Thos. le Waleys, rector of Great Chart, Robt. de Watlyngton, penitentiary of South Malling, Stephen de Staple, Wm., rector of Dale, Wm. de Hyrton, rector of Slyndon, the rector of Wychelynge, John Syryl de Cantuar', Wm. Erch.

Priests:—John de Risberghe, Wm. de Dokeswrthe, Thos. de Cantuar', dictus de S. Paulo; fr. Henr. de Cumbwelle, Geoffrey and Thos. Monks of Faversham, Wm. de Cruceroys, rector of Flechyng, John de S. Leonardo, Ric. de Hockefeld.

ii. To the Prioress of Sheppey. No. DCLXII.

f. 119 b. i. To the Commissary of Canterbury. No. DCLVI.

ij. Penance of Osbert Giffard. No. DCLVII.

iij. To the Abbot of Bewley. No. DCLVIII.

Names of persons ordained in Tenham ch., on Sat. "iv. temporum," March 1285[-6].

f. 120.

Acolytes:—Luke de S. Leonardo, John le Graunt de Oxeburgh, Drocus de Orpinton, John Morys, Hen. de Bevendenne, Hen. Abbot, John de Benstede, Roger de Chertham, Thos. de Wycham, Wm. Mansin de Dovor, Robt. Boystard de Dovor, Absolon de Maydestan, Robt. de S. Mildreda, Laurence de Dedingkyl, Wm. Spicer, John de Cherleton, Robt. de S. Paulo, Hen. de Tenham, Wm. de Oteringdenn, Nic. de Littleburne, Nic. de Meuton, Laur. de S. Paulo, Bengamyn de Sureye, Thos. de S. Paulo, Wm. de Lenne, John de Wynchelese, John de Hertlepe, John Lungespeye, Thos. de Brege, John de Henxhelle, John de Faversham, Symon de Dovor, Ric. de Altham, John de Dodyngton, John le Gay, Symon de Osprenge, John de Aylmedestede, Adam Goldstan, John Taverner, Stephen de S. Mildreda, John de Sellyng, Henr. de Sellyng, Wm. Hubert, Ralph de Menstre,

John, *dictus* Vesconte, Ralph de Bergstede, Nic. Coppedoke, John de Hornesclyve, Geoffrey Cissor, Adam de Dodyngton.

Subdeacons :—Thos. de Maydestane, Wm. de Dovor, Stephen de Stone, Gilbert de Boxford, Dunstan de S. Martino, Wm. de Kyngeston, Wm. Burgeys, Wm. de Davynton, Wm. Bredican, Alexander Cissor de Cantuar'.

Deacons :—Walter de Maydestan, Adam de S. Albano, John de Wytefeld and Nic. Clericus of the Maison Dieu at Dover, John de Bregge, Thos. Picard de Westgate, Lambert de Wodeton, Roger son of Martin de Sutton, Thos. de Magna Chert.

Priests :—Roger de Saxinghurst, Archdeacon of Leicester, Robt. de Watlyngton, "primarius" of South Malling, Giles de Ryngemere, Hen. de Herietesham, Robt. de Hastingge, rector of Pette, Wm., rector of Dale, Stephen de Staple, Fr. Henry of the Maison Dieu, John de Toketon, Thos. de Davynton, John de Chertham, Wm. de Sellynge, Thos. de Pynnesdene.

f. 120 b. Condemnation of heresies, No. DCLXI.

f. 121. i. Ordination held in Aldington Church, on Sat. "quatuor temporum qua cantatur *Sitientes*," 1286.

Acolytes :—John de Parva Chert, Wm. de Dagepette, Roger de Meresham, John de Kyngeston, John de Lymene, Robt. de la More, Lucas de Patrikesburne, Hen. de Milstede, John, *dictus* Attegate in Cherryng, Robt. de Wythrichesham, John de Hicham, John de Romenal, John de Parva Chert.

Subdeacons :—Adam de Bregg, John Duraunt, John de Bidyc, Thos. de Borham.

Deacons :—Stephen de Stone, Ric. le Faukener, rector of Kyngesond, Wm. Burgeys, Wm. Preditan, Wm., rector of Broclond, Wm. de Schotingdon, Peter de Valoniis, rector of Kenardington, Ph. Lovel, rector of Wythrichesham, Thos. de Ottele, Reynerius de Florencia, rector of Hese, Lond. dioc.

ij. To the Dean of Arches. No. DCLXIII.

iij. To the official of Ely. No. DCLXIV.

f. 121 b. i. Ordination held in Wymbeldon church, on Saturday, Trinity eve, 6 id. June, 1286.

Acolytes :—Walter, son of Thomas de Wydihulle, Thos. Moraunde, de Otteford, John de Maydestan, Laur. de Cheyham, Adam de Wymbeldon, John, *dictus* Payn de Wymbeldon, John de Harghe, Thos. de S. Dunstano, John de Cherlewode, Alan de Cheyham, Wm. de Trumpeton, Peter de Cheyham.

Subdeacons :—Roger de Brampton, Peter, *dictus* Bette de Cantuar', Thos. de Maydestan, John de Chipeham, Wm. de Knolla, Robt. de Suenyngton, Laur. de Sandwyco.

Deacons :—Thos. de Burdefeld in Maydestan, Simon de London, the rector of Ripple, Wm. de Kyngeston, near Canterbury, Adam de Burne, Stephen, rector of Bigeneure, John de

Pulesdon,' rector of Stradeshulle, Norw. dioc., John de Bidak, Ric. de la Hoke in Chevening.

Priests:—John de Vernay, rector of Uttokestath' (Uttoxeter), Matthew de Catesby, John de Segehurst, rector of Horsleygh, Robt. de Walecote, Ric., rector of Kyngesnode, Nic. and Geoffrey, monks of Folkestone, Wm. de Croyndon, The rector of Magna Chart, Fr. Wm. de Clere, Ric. de Dunstaple, Nic. de Walingford, friar Minor, John de Breg,' fr. J. de Oxon', and J. de Trumpeton, Minors.

ii. To the Dean of Schoreham, to cite the rector of Orpington to present a fit person to the chapel of Hese. Aldyngton, 15 cal. Aug. 1286. Ordin. 8.

f. 122. i. To the Prior and Chapter of Ely. No. DCLXV.

ij. To the Abbess of Romsey. No. DCLXVI.

f. 122 b. i. To Hen., Official of Winchester. No. DCLXVII.

ij. To the Dean of South Malling. No. DCLXVIII.

iij. To Stephen, Abbot of Mont St. Eloy. No. DCLXIX.

f. 123. i. To the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury. No. DCLXX.

ii. To the Dean of Bangor. No. DCLXXVII.

f. 123 b. Ordination held in Faversham church, on Sat. "iv. temporum," Sept. 1286.

Acolytes:—Hamo de Icham, Ric. de la Lee, Ric. le Brew de Northflet, John de Risberge, Ric. de Welmeston, Alan de Wendirton, Wm. de S. Michaele, John de Hothe, Thos. de Maydestane, Ric. de Hethe, Robt, atte Cherche, John de Staple, Theobald Underdoune, Nic. de Pedynge, John de Boctone, Gerard "de Cambio, Cantuar,'" Hen. de Bobbyng, Robt. de Natindon, Hamo Karlot, John Storm, John de Hakynton, John Lamb, John de Burgate, Ric. de Littleburn, Wm. de S. Petro, Wm. Barry, John Salomon, Wm. de Wy, Thos. de Wy, Geoffrey de Coulyng, Gilbert de Waldwarschare, Peter de Burne, Maurice de Bakechild, Hen. de Renham, Walter de S. Georgio, Peter de Bourne, Peter Abbe, Peter de Wycham, Thos. de Teldon, John de Aula de Devynton, Ric. Packere, Wm. de Snergate, John de Snergate, Ric. filius Fullonis Cant', Ric. de Adesham, Wm. de Chileham, Robt. de Sellyng, Walter de Hornesclyve, Thos. de Rypariis, Laur. de London, Hen. de S. Mildreda, John de Bix, Wm. de Castro Dovor,' Ric. de Cretyng, Alfred de S. Petro, John de Frithindenn, Stephen Godman, Roger Treygod, John de Chertham, John Monde, John de S. Petro, John de Firmar', Robt. de Wednesbergh, Thos. de Evering, Wm. de Scheldwych, Alfred de Cant,' Robt. de Wednesbergh, Ric. de Haute.

Subdeacons:—Thos. Byle, Gregory de Slyndon, Ph. de Ayleston, John de Rysberg, John de Croyndon, Edm. de Mepeham, rector of Tunstall, John de Otteringden, Adam de Romenhal, Ric. de Smethe, Wm. de Trumpeton, rector of Halstede, John Duraunt de

Cant', Edm. de Newenton, Ric. de la Bor, John de Sandwyco, Nic. Plomer de Dovor, Wm. Mausyn de Dovor, Hamo de Frithindenn, John de Preston, Wm. de Davynton, Symon de Sandwyco, John de Hornesclyve, John de S. Georgio, Wm. de Bello, Symon de Heriettesham.

124. *Deacons*:—Robt. Troyli, rector of the moiety of Wodeford, Linc. dioc., Roger de Brampton, Stephen de Lutheberge, rector of Merkeshale, Wm. de Bradestede, rector of Hevere, Thos., rector of Wodemanton, John de Dunstaple, Alex. Cissor, Wm. de Dovor, John Duraunt, Thos. Peys de Bereham, Wm. de Hugham, Alex. Man de Dovor, Roger de Sellyng, Peter, vicar of Gutherst, Gilbert de Boxford, John de Chertham, Wm. de Coppedok, Peter de Bakechilde.

Priests:—Nic., vicar of Pageham, John de Kyrkeby, elect of Ely, Wm. de Garton, rector of Ludyngton, Wm., son of John de Mylham, Robt. de Marham, John de Farnham, John de Schelvyng, rector of St. Michael's, Candelwykestrete, London, Thos. de Maydestan, Ric. de Thorpwatervyle, Thos. de Marham, John de Puylesdon, rector of Strateshulle, Wm. Erch, John de Wytefeud, Lambert de Wodeton, Stephen de Stone, John de Lyninggesbourn, Nic. de Northgate, John de Elham, Wm. de S. Andrea, Robt. de Stodmerse, Wm. Burgeys, Wm. de Kyngeston, Nic. de Dovor, Adam de Eslyng.

f. 124 b. i. To Wm. de Hamelton. No. DCLXXIII.

ij. Citation of rectors and vicars to an ordination at Terryng, Chich. dioc., "die Sabbati iv. temporum proxima post festum S. Luciæ." Tenham, 12 cal. Dec.

iij. To Geoffrey de Aspal. No. DCLXXIV.

iv. Mem. of a letter to Solomon de Roffa and his colleagues at Ipswich, concerning the excommunication of Edmund de Hoo. Slindon, 4 id. Jan. 1286[–7].

f. 125. i. To the dean of Terryng. Notice of visitation. Southmalling, Non. Jan. 1286[–7]. Ordin. 8.

ij. To Wm. de Hamelton. No. DCLXXVI.

iij. To the Subprior of St. Martin's, Dover. No. DCLXXVIII.

iv. Letter to the tenants of Wingham church, to perform their due services to the canons. Wengham, 9 cal. Dec. 1287, ordin. 9.

f. 125 b. Ordination held in Terryng church, on Sat. "iv. temporum," Dec. 1286.

Acolytes:—Walter de Wengham, Adam de Terryng, John Kempe, John Elys, Wm. Sewyin, Gilbert Boner de Terryng, Ric. Bally, Ralph de Cokefeud, Ric. de Grenstede, Robt. de Pageham, Robt. de Pageham, Ralph de Pageham, Wm. de Pageham, Ric. Gatewyk, Nic. Martin, Simon Burde, Norman Keul.

Subdeacons :—Ralph de Olneye, John de Hale, John *dictus* Bos of Bayeux dioc., John de S. Sepulchro, Cant. dioc., John Talebot, Ric. de Wauberton, Walter de Hamptonette, fr. John de Ponte Roberti (of Robertsbridge), fr. John de Lewes, fr. Ric. de Muchelham, John Wolwyne de Garyng.

Deacons :—Wm. de Westbury, Thos. de Maydestane, John de Adburton, Dunstan de St. Martino, near Canterbury, John de Preston, Ric. de Boys, friar Minor, Gilbert de Egemere, Barth. de S. Martino, near Canterbury, Ric. de Smethe, Thos. Jordan de Maydestan, Ric. de la Wyle, rector of Childefrome, John de Ospreng, Wm., rector of St. James, Dover, the rector of Halstede, Ric., rector of Heytheham, Walter, rector of Norton, Walter de Candel Episcopi, Sar. dioc., Walter de Eritheham, the rector of Toliton, Wm. Jacob, Ric. de Fyndon, Hen. de Kyngeston, Hen. de Abyton, Fr. Peter de Calceto, fr. Geoffrey de Boxgrave, Wm. de Preston, Symon de Gardino, Gervaise de Calceto.

Priests :—The rectors of Slyndon and Lovente, Wm. de Bocstede, John de Bristollis, rector of Bissopestowe, Robt. Fromond, rector of Netelynton, Roger de Lainton, rector of Wynterburn chirche briche, Sar. dioc., Wm., *dictus* Sampson de Ryngefeld, Peter Bette, vicar of Gutherst, Thos. de Sutton, Walter de Baunton, rector of Devenebyry, Exon. dioc., Manser de Pageham, Wm. de Bradestede, rector of Hevere, Wm., rector of Welpele, Sar. dioc., Ric. de Slyndon, Juelus Jordan de Arundel, John de Fyndon, John de Hoo, the rector of Woolbedyng, Ric. de Tratiton.

f. 126. i. To Roger l'Estrange. No. DCLXXIX.
ij. To Ralph, Archdeacon of Ely. No. DCLXXX.
iij. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. DCLXXXI.

f. 126 b. i. Order to Reginald, rector of Arleya, and other executors of Hen. Lovel, late steward, to deliver to the exors. of Fulk Lovel, what concerns his testament and that of Sir Ph. Basset. Mortlake, 17 kal. Jun. 1287.
ij. To the Archdeacon of Derby. No. DCLXXXIII.
iij. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCLXXXIV.

f. 127. Ordination held in the prebendal church of Southmalling, Sat. "iv. temporum" in the first week in Lent. 1286[-7].

Acolytes :—Robt. de Chenny, John de Otteford, Ralph de Berghstede, Ric. de Uckefeud, Nic. de Clyva, Reg. de Stanmere, Roger de Bercham, John de Alinggerugg, Ric. de Suthwyk, Wm. le Chros de Lewes, Ric. Gocelyn de Ferles, Ric. le Broc de Grenested, John Dodde de Lewes, Matthew de la Stoke, Wm. de Wyrstede, Thos. de Pelham, Wm. de Alyngton, John Rugge de Chufold, John Finian de Sorham, Ric., *dictus* Bartholomew de Blechington, Hen. le Portereve de Seford, Elyas de Bello, Wm. Toterugg de Hanfeld, John Swele de Sorham, John *dictus*

Roger de Sutton, John de Stalar' de Yford, Robt. Gilbert de Ferles, Thos. Adrian de Ferles, Adam de Weston de Sutton, John, *dictus* Mercator de Jakele, John Giffard de Ferles, Walter Fabian de Hortefeld, Wm. de Hospit' de Lewes, John Jukyn de Suthwyk, John de la Hyde de Slatham, Hugh de Flowyk, Ph. Digan, Ric. Cumminister de Veteri Sorham, John Lorimer de Lewes, Ric. de Pagerye de Herlington, Nic. de Barewe de Chidingle, John Portarius de Westmestre, John de Veteri Sorham, John de Erdingeleth, John de Wylkepir' de Chukefeld, Peter de Cornubia, Wm. de Pecham, John de Westham, Walter, *dictus* Faber de Launcynge, Humfry de Veteri Sorham, Hen. de Brytlineston, Nic. de Musceus, Wm. de Wylingdon, Thos. de Wylingdon, Thos. de Norton, fr. Wm. de Wathleston, Alex. de Bello, Robt. de Alseston, Thos. de Blechington, John de Flechyng, John Poteman, Thos. de Littleton, John de la Burye, Wm. de Radivelde, Simon de Huna, fr. Wm. monk of Lewes, Wm. de Suthovere, Hen. de Alvricheston, Robt. de Ferles, Thos. de Wytden, John de Colevile, John Sekelfot, Alan Treddel, Wm. de Bulsham, John Northman.

Subdeacons:—Walter de Westgate, Wm. de Herling, fr. Roger de Michelham, John "de camera in Penecestre," Stephen de Westgate in Cant,' John de Porteslade, Wm., rector of Totelescumbe, Simon de Horsham, Hamo de Dalkyng, Simon de Blechington; frs. Stephen de Wedhurst, Hen. de Aleford, Ric. de Beche, Wm. de Wy, Wm. de Wodecherch, monks of Battle; fr. Warin and Adam, monks of Lewes, Simon de Kyngeston, Ric. de Grenestede, Nic. de Chireforde, Ph. de Cocham, John, "*dictus* " Pistor de Crauly."

Deacons:—Ph. de Ayleston, Ralph de Olneye, Nic. de Dovor, John de Stoke, rector of Stoke, Exon. dioc., Alex. de Taunton, Simon Daniel de Heriettesham, Robt. de Mallyng, Hen. de Cant.'

Priests:—Roger de Brampton, Wm. de Dovor, John Bydic, rector of Kestane, Roff. dioc., Symon de London.

f. 127 b. i. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCLXXXV.
ij. Articles to be observed by the Clergy. No. DCLXXXVI.

f. 128. i. To the Dean of South Malling. No. DCLXXXVII.
ij. Dispensation for illegitimate birth to Peter de Brichelton in Tanet, acolyte. Croyndon, 12 cal. Oct. 1287.
iij. To Wm. de Cruceroys, Official at Chichester. No. DCLXXXVIII.
iv. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCLXXXIX.

f. 128 b. i. To J. de Perrogiis. No. DCXC.
ij. To the Dean of Arches. No. DCXCI.

f. 129. Ordination held in the parish church of Bregg', Cant. dioc., Sat. "iv. temporum" Trinity eve 1287.

Acolytes:—Robt. de Stistede, Roger de Cherryng, Simon de Rytling, Robt. de Lenham, Barth. de Worthe, Simon de Waltham, Roger Silwyn de London, John de Peddyngg, Geoffrey de Cherleton, Wm. "de Camera in Lymmyng," John de Wyke in Cant', Hamo Byle, John Wythod.

Subdeacons:—John, "clericus de Olneye," Walter de S. Egidio, Wm. Grey de Wengham, Jas. de Ho, Walter de Winchelse, Peter de Bissopesburn, Thos. de Ylley Monacorum.

Deacons:—John de la Hulle, Alan de Staple, Ph., rector of a moiety of Tollard ch., John de S. Stephano, Greg. de Slindon, Eliseus de Blockelee, Wm. de Herlynge, Robt. de Bradeham, John Talbot de Oxeburgh, John de Iford, Adam de Romenal, Nic. de Pedinge in Esse, John de Staple, John "de Camera in Penecestre," Robt. de Uffinton, John le Veire de Herne, Thos. de Godmersham, Wm., rector of St. James, Dover.

Priests:—John, rector of Stoke, Exon. dioc., Ric. de Smethe, Geoffrey de Nonningeton, Thos. de Walepol, John de Norhampton, Alex. de Estlegh, John de Hale, Thos. Bille de Hicham, Laur. de Sandwich, Walter de Walsoken, Wm. Basset, Gilbert de Egemere, John de Berweby, John de Merham, with title of St. Michael's, Cornhill, Ric. de la Wile, rector of Childefrome, John de Adburton.

f. 129 b. Ordination held in the church of St. Mary Westoute, Lewes, on Sat. "iv. temporum" Dec. 1287.

Acolytes:—John de Esger de Sorham, German Hobelit, Wm. Modeslone, Hen. de Mokeford, John Testard, Wm. de Grensted, Reginald de Wilminton, Simon de Wilminton, Ric. de Berkhamme, Peter de Stangate, Wm. de Marsefeld, John Perci, Robt. de Cokefeud, Wm. de Isewod, Gilbert de Borne, Matthew de Pevenese, Simon de Horsie, Wm. de Wilminton, Thos. de Wilminton, Thos. de Kingeston, Roger de Fering, Wm. Tumm', Simon le Gardenur, Ric. Stace, Wm. de Uckefeud, Roger de Clyva, John le King, John ate Stile de Seford, John de Brokherst, John Yvori, John de Lewes, Wm. "in Certato," John de Bimere, Roger and Thos. de Yford, John Roger, John Benne de Kyngeston, Laur. de Alfricheston, John "auditor de Lewes," Thos., rector of Ludeham, John de Wicham, Matthew Husee, fr. Nic. de Horlton, John, *dictus* Gold, John de Balecumbe, Wm. de la Huse, Hen. de Kingestone, Adam de Southwelle, John de la Gatelond, Martin de Merewelle, Thos. de Geldregge.

Subdeacons:—Wm. de Bello Alneto, John de Lancynge, Ph. de Erlinden, fr. Walter de Chileham, John de la Vendenne, John de Bereham, John de Upmongeham, Ph., chorister of

Chichester,[1] fr. Lambert canon of Dureford, Simon de Bray, Hen. Garlaunde.

Deacons:—Gilbert de Hopecherch, Wm. de Lovente, Walter de Haptenette, Robt. de Yseham, Roger de Heriettesham, Adam Peyn, canon of Chichester, Walter de Westgate, Wm. Grey de Wenge, Ralph de Westburton, Wm. and Walter choristers of Chichester,[2] Wm. de Toriton, Thos. and Robt., canons of Dureford, Nic. Cissor, Walerand Manfey, John de Sand, John de Bissopeston, Wm. de Fonte, Reginald de South Malling.

Priests:—Simon de Bissopeston, Ralph de Westburton, John de Bursthowe, John de la Hulle, John de Crokkeston, with title of perpetual chantry of Wadenhale, Robt. de Bradenham, Alexander Overtone, Elias de Blockele, Alex. Cissor de Cant.', Wm., dictus Calvus de Wyvelingeham, Ph. de Kingeston juxta Sorham, John de Oxeburgh, Robt., rector of Wysteple, fr. Walter de Torterton, fr. Peter de Calceto, John de Chiltington, Hen. de Abiton, Walter de Pecchworth, Wm. de Davinton, Robt. de Herst, Peter de Andeseie.

f. 130. Ordination held in Arundel church, on Saturday in the first week in Lent, 1287[-8].

Acolytes:—Thos. de Warnecap, Ralph de Warnecap, Wm. de Loppeden de Angemere, Wm. Kein de Angemereynge, John Enteing de Angemeringe, Roger de la Tye Climpping, Wm. Bolmer de Angemering, Thos. de Polnburgh, Thos. de Prestone, John de Dandevile, John Wodelond de Arundel, Wm. "Faber" de Rustington, Stephen de Vienna, John of Salisbury, canon of Tychefeud, Nic., *dictus* Gos de Arundel, John Wodier, Wm. Ipoch, fr. Wm. de Sela, Ralph Tanpen' de Stok,' fr. John de la Mare, and Ric. de Spina, monks of St. Denis, Laur. de Paling, Hen. le Roer, Wm. de Rustingthona, fr. Robt., monk of Beigrave, Adam de Beigrave, Wm. Russel de Cic', Wm. de Gates, Geoffrey Hogheles, Wm. Brut de Arundel, John de Wording, Benjamin de Wording, Thos. Ordrith, Robt. Pynin, Ric. de Thorne, Gilbert de Stokes, Peter de Holte, Peter and Walter de Cyc' (of Chichester), Michael Berenger de Lewes.

Subdeacons:—Robt. de Cisterne, with title of Newcherche, John de Winton, Robt. Fitz Bernard, with title to Romenale ch., fr. John and Wm. de Winton, and Ric. de Letford, canons of Thifeud, fr. Nic., canon of Tortington, Wm. de Monceus, with title to Herst ch., Walter de Desham, "fr. Adam de monacus de Beigrave," Robt. de Sidingburne, with title to All Saints Graschirche, Martin de Bury, canon of Heriethehamme, Nic. de Mounceus, Ralph and Wm. de Lutefeye, Wm. le Mech, John

[1] De Cyc.' de Coro ecclesiæ. | [2] De Coro Cyc.' ecclesiæ.

Normandy, Wm. de Madhurst, Ric. de Bernam, Wm. de Chinham.

Deacons:—Thos. de Brudeport, canon of Salisbury, Wm. de Linford Magna, fr. Geoffrey de Hameld, monk of St. Denys, Hen. Gerlaunde, rector of Westdene, Simon de Pescham, admitted specially by the archbp., John de Pende, John de Chidingleye.

Priests:—Gilbert de Upcherche, John de Holneye, Wm. de Newport Painel, Ric. de Tangemere, Joel de Arundel, fr. Robt. le Vule, monk of St. Denys, Robt. de Hulle, Laur. de Hakeburne, canon of Salisbury, John, rector of Chitehert, Juel de Arundell, Adam de Wardore, Simon de Horsham, John Norman of Lewes, John de Suthwk.

f. 130 b. Ordination held in the parish church of Breg', Cant. dioc. on Saturday "quatuor temporum" in the week of Pentecost. 1287.

Acolytes: Simon and Ric. de Ickham, Hen. de Wengham, Wm., son of Richard de Wengham, Wm. de Illynges, Roger le Tayllur of Wengham, Thos. de Uffinton, Thos. de Adersham, Wm. de Bosintone, Edm. de Ildynges, Wm. de Pertewode, Walter de la Chambre, John de Osele, Ric., son of Andrew de Depham, John de Peddinges, John Jurdan de Dale, Adam and Thos. de la Molonde, Laur. de Adesham, Nic. de Estria, Thos. Gurgis, Wm. de Estria, John de Staple, John de Cant,' Roger de Aula, Ralph de Wydeheye, John de Troppham, Stephen de Sandwych, Thos. Frere, Wm. de Keninton, Robt. de Byholte, Nic. de Estria, Hen. de Rollinge, John and Laurence de Suthcherch.

Subdeacons:—Roger Sering de Freningham, Robt. de Uffinton, Nic. de Peddynge, John de Yford, John de Staple, Adam de Gnodwyneston, Alan de Boclaunde, Ric. de Kent, rector of Ridelingewelde, Wm. de Essedene, Wm. Prat, John de Walemere, John de Newenham to the free chapel of Lady Paulina de Newenham, Jas. de Westgate, John de Crokeston, fr. Salomon de Langedon.

f. 131. To the Dean of St. Paul's. No. DCXCII.

f. 131 b. Ordination held at Croyndon, on Saturday "quatuor temporum" Sept. 1287.

Acolytes:—John de Bodebyri, John Russel de Croindon, Wm. de Hetthe, Wm. de Schorham, John de Retthe, fr. Peter de Foderinheie, fr. J. de Flore, Wm. ad Boscum de Mercham.

Subdeacons:—Walter de Kendall, of Bethom ch., Clement de Pecham, canon of Chichester, Simon de Peccham, "de mandato "domini," fr. Peter, monk of Folcstan, Wm. Grey de Wengeham, Gilbert de Upchirche; fr. John de Hakenthon, Hamo de Presthone, Wm. de Northburne and Thos. de Estria, monks of Dover. Adam de Worthe, Thos. de Meydenstan, with title of Stone ch., fr. Wm. de Oxon', canon of Seleburne.

Deacons:—Thos. Rector of Folkesworth, John de Stretford, vicar of Colerne, Wm. de Newport Paynel, Wm. de Wyuelingham, John de Brocstone, John *dictus* Marchant de Croindon, John de Olney, Wm. de Esseden, Wm. de Daunthon, fr. Wm. de Wynthon, canon of Seleburne.

Priests:—Thos. Jordan de Meydestan, Edm., rector of Herkle, Winton dioc., Peter de Kelom, rector of Oremuth (Yarmouth) in the Isle of Wight, Robt. de Basinges, Wm. de Herlinge, John de Yforde, Robt. de Offinton, Thos. Couste de Meidestan, Adam de Romenal, Walter de Meydestan, John de Newenham to Newenham chantry, fr. John de Chertham, canon of Leeds.

Ordination held in Maughefeud church, on Sat. "quatuor tem-" porum qua cantatur *Sitientes.*" 1287.

Acolytes:—John Bus, fr. Hen. de Bredon, John le Taylur, John Noel.

Subdeacons:—Alan de Chinham, Gilbert de Micheldevere, Alan de Pageham, fr. Thos. de Lamburne, fr. Wm. monk of Sela, Robt. de Stisterne, rector of Newcherche, John de Lavendenne, Robt., rector of Britwalton, Rand. de Croindene, Geoffrey de la Felde, rector of Dounton, Wm. de Chinham, rector of Sutheise, Wm. de Mounceus, rector of Herst.

Priests:—Ric. de Grenstede, Wm. de Linford, Walrand Manfe, rector of Westhiso, Hamo de Dallinge, Robt., de Suth Malling.

f. 132. i. To Peter de Geldeford, his Treasurer. No. DCXCIII.

ij. Quittance to Ranerius de Vichio, canon of Lichfield, for money borrowed for business at Rome. Otteford, 4 Non. April 1288.

f. 132 b. Ordination held in the parish church of Hethe, Cant. dioc. on Sat. "Quatuor temporum" in Pentecost week, 1288.

Acolytes:—Hamo, and Roger de Heye, Ric. de Lymmyng', Reg. de Lymeston, Ric. de Lymminge, Stephen de Hern,' Wm. de Meydenestan, Thos. de Worthe, John Jekyn de Hethe, Wm. de Saltwode, John de Suthwerk, Thos. de Dovoria, Ralph de Heth, Rog. de Taneto, Nic. de Esse, Hugh de Bocton, Hen. de Romenal.

Subdeacons:—Maurice de Tange, Ric. de Illemonacorum, Peter de la Holte, with title of vicarage of Flechinge, Wm., *dictus* Marescallus, Gilbert de Offinton, John, *dictus* Fin de Risberg, Robt. de Stistede, Geoffrey de Kingeston juxta Berham, Simon de Tonge, Hugh de Latheberi, Peter, *dictus* Dru de Birchinton, the rector of Ludenham.

Deacons:—Thos. de Illemonacorum, Adam de Godwyneston, Ph. de Erlington, Walter de Derham, Adam de Worth, Ric. de la Bore Dovorie, Robt. Houel Dovorie, Walter de Wynchelse, John de Berham, John Michel de Dovor.'

Priests:—Robt. de Hengeshell, Ralph de Hale de Westburton, Nic. de Peddingge, John de Stapele, John de la Feyrehenne,

Alan de Stapele, Robert de Merwe, Hen. Garlaund, rector of Westdenne, Geoffrey de la Felde, rector of Denton, Ralph de Chilham, John de Lavendon.

f. 133. i. Appointment of Anian "Galensis," canon of St. Asaph, as official of Llandaff, *vice* Thos. de S. Audomaro, canon of Hereford. 7 id. Jun. 1288.

ij. Purgation of Robt. Rufus de Ryngemere, acolyte, accused of breaking into Beckeles and Northyhamme churches, Chich. dioc. Southmalling, 6 kal. Aug. 1288.

iij. To the Provincial of the Dominicans, &c. No. DCXCIV.

f. 133 b. i. To the Benedictine chapter. No. DCXCV.

ij. Ordination held in the parish church of Tonge, on Sat. "Quatuor temporum," Sept. 1288.

Acolytes:—Walter de Pethcham, canon of Wyngeham, Ralph de Suthwerk, Thos. de Holkburne, canon of Ledes, Maurice de Bakechylde, Gilbert de Wodnesberghe, Roger Vigerous, Wm. de Stureya, Wm. de Upecherch, John de Ydene de Staplehurst, Thos. Rose, John de Lyndestede, Thos. Salekyn de Dovor, Hamo Talemache, Roger de Newenton, Ph. de Newenton, John de Beninden, Ric. de Bakechylde, John de Westgate, Wm. de la Garderoba, Thos. de la Garderobe, Ric. de Elmestede.

Subdeacons:—John de Campis, with title of Roking ch., John de Notingham, with title of Giselham ch.; Wm. de Boys, with title of Adburton ch., John de Porta in Bekles, Thos. de Wykham, Martin de Newport Paynel, Hen. de Renham, canon of Ledes, Wm. de Olneya, John de Wenchepe de Cant,' Robt. de Ho, John de Illeke, Roger de Westgate, Cant,' Ric. de Frethenestede, John de Bix de Lyndestede.

f. 134. *Deacons*:—Willm. de Abyndone, Archdeacon of Wilts, Roger de Pokethorp, canon of Southmalling, Hen. de Gressingehale, Ric. de Ylle Monachorum, Robt. de Swanton, Peter Dru de Bricheton, Wm. de Mallyng, Robt. de Stistede, Hugh de Lautheburi, Simon de Tonge, Wm. de Maydenistane, Wm. de Caldewelle, rector of Bakethorp, Norw. dioc., fr. Salomon de S. Radegund, fr. Nic. Adam and John, monks of Boxele, Maurice de Tonge.

Priests:—Adam de Worthe, Reginald de Southmalling, Thos. de Ylle Monachorum, Walter de Derham, John de Renham, canon of Ledes, Simon de Pechcham, "de mandato domini speciali." Robt. de Hodyn, of the parish of Aldermariecherch, John de Derteforde, Wm. le Wres de Wyngham, fr. Nic. and Robt. de S. Radegund, Ralph de Chylindenne, John de Sydingeburn, Edm. de Heghethorne.

Ordination held in the chapel of Slindon, on Sat. "Quatuor Temporum," Dec. 1288.

Acolytes:—Godfrey de Coffinton, Stephen de Dogmersfeld, Ric. de Bello, Wm. de Hertinge, Ric. Conversus, Robt. de Ston-

felde, Walter de Cicestr,' John de Burne, Thos. de Selesee, John de Selesee, Nic. de Garing,' Wm. le Rus de eadem, Rob. Virely, Wm. de Boys, Wm. Chapeleyn, Wm. de Lanchon, Thos. de Berclesham, John de Sandherst, Robt. de la Grave, Thos. and Robt. de Hertham, Ric. de Slindon, John de Fatiston.

Subdeacons:—Nic. de Buddebyry, Hugh de Penebrok, with title of Ivecherch, Walter de Pecham, with title of Terringe, Robt. de Rudham, with title of St Andrew's Tatersete, Stephen de Fuleburn, with title of Westle ch. Norw. dioc., Ric. de Butrewyk with title of Hummeresfeld, Norw. dioc., Walter de Faversham, Ric. de Hemmesby, with title of Parva Bukenham ch., Godfrey de Holm, Ric. le Faukener, with title of Natele ch., Winton dioc., Hervey de Stanton, with title of Magna Saxham church, Reg. de Stoke, clk. of St. Giles Hosp., Norwich, Walter de Lathebure, Walter Gisik de Wyppingham, Thos. de Noninton.

Deacons:—John de Neylonde, rector of Chelesworth, Wm. de Hinkele, rector of Parva Plumstede, Wm. de Brisentham, Gilbert de Micheldevere, rector of Worting ch., Winton dioc., Robt. de Ho, John de Sonde, vicar of South Malling, John de Butermere, Winton dioc., brother of the House of Burton,[1] Wm. de Bureford, John de Ovenengke, Thos., rector of Ludenham, Martin de Newport, the rector of Wydresfeld, Norw. dioc., fr. Thos. de Reygate, John de Notingham, rector of Giselham, Norw. dioc.

Priests:—Luke de Bree, treasurer of Hereford, Roger de Werplesdone, Thos. de Pennart, Hen. de Gressenhale, John de
f. 134 b. Bereham, Hugh de Lathebure, Robt. de Swaventon, Roger Burd, Symon de Thonge, Ric. de Wyndeshore, the rector of Wychelinge, Cant. dioc., the rector of Litlington, the rector of Suthese, John de Tangemere, the rector of Hurst.,[2] Chich. dioc.

Presented by the official of Chichester.

Subdeacons:—Ric. Clericus de Berecampe, Hen. Innet de Bridham, John, son of Gilbert Sykelfot, Robt. le Waleys de Boseham, Wm. de Bulsham.

Deacons:—Fr. Nic. de Tortinton, John "filius Pistoris de Craule," Wm. le Mark de Cycestr', Roger de Waninggehore, Nic. Artur, Ric. de Bernham, Thos. de la Rogate, Wm. de Berghestede.

Priests:—The rectors of West Grenestede, and Esthurst[2] Geoffry de la Wannoke, Wm. de Sondre, the rector of Litlinton. John Walerand de Boxgrave, John Paulyn.

Ordination held in Croyndene parish church on Sat. "Quatuor temporum," March 1288[-9]. Ordin. 11.

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[1] Perhaps Burton, an Austin Priory in the Isle of Wight.

[2] These are the same.

Acolytes:—Thos. de Suthwerk,' Hen. de Simpham, Robt. Fitz Bernard, rector of Old Rumenal, Robt. de Belstede, John de Jamberwe, John le Chondiler, and Geoffrey Siward, of the deanery of the Arches, John, son of Walter "Cissor," John Palmere, Elyas de Croyndene, Nic. Gille, John, son of Gilbert of Croyndene, Wm. de Dovor, Walter Purce, Edm. Freshering of London, Geoffrey de Wy, fr. Maurice de la Grava, fr. John de Sidwode, fr. Ric. de Bluntesdon; fr. John de Cancia, and Rich. de Kyngeston, canons of Merton.

Subdeacons:—Ric. de Northflete, Walter de Angreham, Hen. de Ragele, rector of Aleton chapel, fr. Peter, of Modindenne, Alex. de Berewyk, fr. Ric. de Hevere, John de London, Ric. de Froyle, and John de Radingia, monks.

Deacons:[1]—Hugh de Penebrok, rector of Yvechirche, Walter de Pecheham, Nic. de Buddebiry, Roger ad Portam de Stona, Walter de Faversham, Thos. de Noninton, Roger de Westgate in Cant.,' Wm. de Bosco, rector of Edberton, John de Wenchepe in
f. 135. Cant.,' John de Illey Monacorum, John de Chausi, "ad titulum præceptoris Novi Templi, London;" Ric. le Warner, Walter de Audele, monks of New Place, Adam de Merch, friar Minor.

Priests:—Thos. de Upton, rector of Adesham, Roger de Pokethorp, rector of Pechham, Wm. de Suthmalling, Ric. de Illee Monacorum, Thos., rector of Ludenham, Thos. confrater of Lamburne, Roger de Herietisham, Peter Dreu de Berthilton, fr. John de Rudham.

Ordination held in the church of Tong, on Sat. "quatuor "temporum qui dicitur *Sitientes*," 1289, ordin. 11.

Acolytes:—Robt. le Tailier de Meidestane, Hen. Plomer, Eudo de Aqua, Hugh Gerebode de Meidestane, John, son of James, of St. Dunstan's parish, London, Thos. le Cordewaner de London, Rob. de Dale, John Nichole de Codmersham, Hen. Horner de Codmersham, Nic. Dolvere de parochia S. Elphegii, Ralph Ditun de Olneya, Barth. de Holingeburn, Robt. "filius de Holingeburn."

Subdeacons:—Robt. Filius Hervey de parochia S. Elphegii, Cant.' Oto de Listone.

Deacons:—John de Ansona, rector of Wymbledon, John de Campis, rector of Rokyngge, Hen. de Northwelle, clerk of the Arches, John de Porta, Nic. de Wadingeton.

Priests:—Walter de Peccham, rector of Terryng, John de Notyngeham, rector of Gyselham, Rob. Ho de Westwelle, Thos. de Noningtone, Adam *dictus* le Rever de Godweneston.

f. 135 b. i. To Gilbert, Earl of Gloucester. No. DCXCVII.

ij. Ordination held in Aldyngton church, on Sat. "quatuor "temporum in ebdomada Pentecostes," 1289.

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[1] Decani in MS.

Acolytes:—Edm. de Romenal, John de Worthe, John Pantt de Braburn, Ric. de Liminge, Hugh de Dene, John de Romenal, Hamo Scot de Romenal, Hamo *dictus* Abbas de Cantuar,' Luke le Gardeynur, John de Chiltone, John de Chertham, John Paris, Robt. Boytard, Thos. de Casbourn, Ralph de Ewelle, Nic. Veneson, Thos. de Redingate, Thos. Clement, John de Langederne.

Subdeacons:—Wm. le White de Ysefeud, Thos. le Blund to Heriettesham ch., Thos. de Port de Meydestane, with the title of Hammes ch., Ralph de Olneye, Ric. Laurentius de Sandwico, Hen. Pancok, with title of Romenal ch., Wm. de Chertham, Simon de S. Sepulcro.

Deacons:—Walter de Angreham, Walter de Latebyr', John de Bixe, Thos. de Wycham, Ric. de Frethenstede, Geoffrey de Kyngeston, Peter de Bourn.

Priests:—John, rector of Wymbeldon, John de Croynden, Hugh, rector of Yvecherch, Ric. le Singere, Rob. de Stystede, Walter de Wynchelse, Roger de Westgate, Alex. *dictus* Man de Dovor'.

f. 136. i. To the Prior and Chapter of Coventry. No. DCXCVIII.

ij. To Ralph de Ivingho, Chancellor of St. Paul's. No. DCXCIX.

iij. To the Chapter of Friars at Oxford. No. DCC.

f. 136 b. Ordination held in Croyndone ch. on Saturday "quatuor temporum," Sept. 1289.

Acolytes:—Robt. de Estenore, Walter de Littleburn, Eustace, son of John le Barber of Allhallow's parish, London, John Pistor, Robt. de la Vyne, Wm. Cordewaner, Thos. Bonere, Peter de S. Dionisio, Peter de Vaus, Nic., son of Geoffrey de Bocking, Andrew de Lymmyng.

Subdeacons:—John, *dictus* Here de Cantuar,' Walter de Sully, with title to Landmais ch., John de Schorne, with title to Rysbergh ch., Simon de Faversham, Wm. de Sidingeburne, Thos. de Monte, Domme de Croyndon, Luke de Patrigesburn, Adam de Otteford.

Deacons:—Ric. de Northflete, Rob., son of Hervey de Cantuar,' Laur. de Sandwico, Nic. de Sandwico, Hen. Pokoc, rector of Old Romenal, Ralph de Olneye, Simon de S. Sepulchro de Cantuar.'

Priests:—Roger ad Portam de Stowe, Nic. de Wadingeton, Walter de Faversham, John Colfich de Sandwico, John de Chausee with title of the preceptory of Schepelie, John de Arcubus, Walter de Lathebury, Martin de Neuport, John de Ille Monachorum, Reg. de Braundon, rector of Orpinton, John de Campis, rector of Rokyng, Wm. de Boys, rector of Adburton, Nic. de Buddebiry, rector of Passinges.

ii. To the Clergy of his province. No. DCCI.

f. 137. i. To Robt. Malet. No. DCCII.

ii. To Edm. earl of Cornwall. No. DCCIII.

f. 137 b. i. Ordination held in Cherryngge church on Sat. "quatuor "temporum," Dec. 1289.

Acolytes:—Walter and John, sons of Hamon de Cherryngg, Ph. de Patrikesburne, Ric. de Hadesham, Wm. de Bockyngg, John de Maydenestane, Roger fil. Nigelli de Cherryng, Laurence de Sellyngg, Robt. de Daghepette, Hen. de Leyburne, Stephen de Wy, Thos. and Robt. de Somery.

Subdeacons:—Roger de Aula de Hyerne, Wm. de Buthumsel, Rog. de Dovoria, Wm. de Wy.

Deacons:—John de Midherst, Thos. fil. Ric. de Surr' de Ethchesham, John de Schorne, rector of Ryseberwe, Thos. de la Gare, Wm. de Chertham, Thos. de Monte, Wm. de Sydingeburne, Thos., rector of Hamme, Thos., rector of Herietesham, Thos. de Swaleclyve.

Priests:—Ralph de Olneya, Simon de S. Sepulcro, Thos. de Wykham, Roger de Sellynge, Amfridus, rector of Estbregge, Hen., rector of Old Romenal.

ij. To the Prioress of St. Helen's. No. DCCV.

iij. To the Abbot of Westminster. No. DCCIV.

f. 138. Ordination held in Tenham church on Sat. in Pentecost week, 1290.

Acolytes:—Roger and John de Stistede, Wm. Fraunceis de Northflete, Hamo de Gillingeham, John de Estry, Hen. de Plokele, Thos. de Roucestre, Hamo de Fordwico, Wm. Pickering de Sandwico, John de la Gare, Theobald de Certham, John Durant, Hen. Blund, Wm. de Nounde, Adam Gilberd, Ric. de Holmannestone.

Subdeacons:—Edm. de Verdon, rector of Snergate, Geoffrey le Ruter, Edm. de Queningate, Simon de Overlaunde, Edm. *dictus* Fersheringe, John de Dodington, Wm. de Welles, John de Sholiford, Thos. de Furno, Wm. de Egethorn, Wm. de Kenardinton.

Deacons:—Roger de la Sale, Wm. de Bodemeshulle, Roger de Dovor, Dompne de Croindon, Adam de Otteford, John de Hokinge, Wm. de Wy, John de Chertham.

Priests:—Walter de Angreham, John de Schorne, rector of Risberghe, Adam de Cantebregg,' Ric. de Northflete, Thos. de Monte, Thos. de Gardino, rector of Currie, Glasgow dioc.; Wm. de Sidingeburn, Ric. de la Boure, Ric. de la Hoke, Maurice de Tonge, John de Bixe, Thos. de Swaleclive, Robt. de Westgate, Wm. de Chertham, Nic. de Sandwico, the rectors of Heriettesham and Hamme.

ij. To the Benedictine Chapter at Abingdon. No. DCCVI.

f. 138 b. i. To the Prior of St. Martin's, Dover. No. DCCVII.

ij. To the official of the bp. of London. No. DCCVIII.

iij. To the abbot of Chertsey. No. DCCIX.

f. 139. i. To the Bp. elect of Llandaff. No. DCCX.

ij. Safe conduct for Adam de Schapeye going to Rome. s.d.

iij. Ordination held in the chapel at Suthmalling, on Saturday "quatuor temporum," Dec. 1290.

Acolytes:—Robt. de Segrey, Ric, de Ockefeud, *dictus* Kebbil, Nic. de Castello, with title to ch. of Herd,[1] Roger de Huckefeud, Reginald de Huckefeud.

Priests:—Geoffrey de Taneto, *dictus* Roter, Simon de Overlaunde, Wm. de Welles, Walter de Coumbe.

iv. Ordination held in Bockynge church, London dioc., on Sat. "quatuor temporum," Sept. 1290.

Acolytes:—John de Wodestoke, Ralph de Skefoyntone, John and Wm., sons of Walter Forestarius de Anegris, John de Haverhelle, Roger, son of Thos. de Bockynge, Hen., son of Peter de Bockinge, Thos. and John le Graunt de Moleton; John, son of Salomon, John Adam and John, son of Thomas, all of Ylegh, sons of "servi" of Christchurch, Cant., ordained by favour of the Warden of the Manor of Bockynge; Alex. de Linton de Heli, Wm., son of Hugh de Hadleye, Wm., son of John le Waler, Thos., son of Clement, Robt., son of Roger de Stistede, Nic. and Thos., sons of John de Trunco, Ric., son of Ric. Gardeleberd de Hadleye, Thos. de Billingesgate, Edm. and John de Stistede, Ric., son of Ric. de Hadleye.

Subdeacons:—Roger de Stistede, Nic. son of Geoffrey Banke de Bockyng, John de Godeleye, with title of the church of Hereford, Wm. Barri, rector of Philebi, Wm. son of Edm. de Moleton, Wm. son of Wm. de Moleton, Simon de Faversham.

f. 139 b. *Deacons*:—John Typetot, rector of Redington, Norw. dioc., John rector of Athelingeflet, York dioc., Ric. son of Henry de Moleton, Alex. de Suthmalling, Wm. de Welles, Edm. de Quenynggegate, John de Dodintone, Geoffrey Ruter, Simon de Overlaunde, Simon, rector of Prestone near Faversham, Wm. de Heghetorne, Wm. de Kenardintone, Thos. de Furno.

Priests:—Wm. de Luda, elect of Ely, Wm. de Bodemeshulle, Payn de Croylond, Peter de Bissoppesburne, Wm. de Berghestede, Adam de Otteford, Roger "de Aula de capella de Herne," Robt. de Clothale, rector of Horsete, Ely dioc., Wm. de Schrepham, vicar of Westbete, Ely dioc., Roger de Rifteshale.

Ordination held in Southmalling chapel on Sat. "quatuor temporum," in the first week in Lent, 1290[–1].

Acolytes:—John de Estry, Robt. de la Grave, Osbert de Olneye, Andrew de Stapele, Ric. de Fremefelde, Simon de Glinde, Thos. de Aylardindenne.

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[1] Now Crayford.

Subdeacons:—Robt. de Segrey, with title to Merstham ch., John de Wattone, with title to the ch. of Kyngeston, near Bregges, Hen. de Fossato, Wm. de Bocton, Ric. de Westgate, Simon de S. Albano, with title to Karletone, near Dover, Hen. de Berewik, Nic. de Welingeham, Alex. de Bentlee, Michael de Walecote.

Deacons:—Edm. de Verduno, rector of Snergate, Gilbert de Offintone, Luke de Patrikesburne, John de Aldeburg, John Lambin, John de Moningeham.

Priests:—John de Cantuar,' Dompnus de Croyndone, Edm. de Queningegate, Alex. de Suthmalling.

f. 140. i. To Ric. de Apintone and John de Pirle. No. DCCXI.
ij. To the Prior of St. Fredeswides. No. DCCXII.
iij. Mem. of another similar letter to Apintone and Pirle to raise 50*l.* on the woods at South Malling. 3 cal. Jul.
iv. Ordination held in the church of Hethe, on Sat. "quatuor temporum," Trinity Eve, 1291.

Acolytes:—Thos. de Newenham, Thos. de Estwell, Wm. de Wengeham, Thos. de Herne, John *dictus* Niger, Wm. de S. Nicolao in Taneto, Ric. de Esse, Robt. de Adesham, John Marchaunt de Romene, Ralph le Honere, Robt. de Renham, John de Cherring,' John Pocyn de Sevenak.'

Subdeacons:—John de Worthe, Wm. de Saltwode, Ric. de Adesham, Andrew de Stapele, John la Rivere, John Capel de Northburn, Theobald de Gudwineston, John de Stapele, John de Estri, John de Ledes, Walter de Thelebregg,' Ric. de Fonte, Ph. de Newenton.

Deacons:—Wm. de Muleton, Hen. de Geldeford, rector of Westwicham, Wm. de Boctone, John de Sholiford.

Priests:—Nic. Lovetot, rector of Atthelingeflet, York dioc., Robt., rector of Akerise, Thos., son of Ric. de Surr,' Thos. de Thorne, John de Radinggate, rector of Westerham, Roger de Dovor.

f. 140 b. i. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCCXV.
ij. To the Mayor of Dover. No. DCCXIII.
iij. Thos. Ryngmer, Prior of Christchurch. No. DCCXIV.
iv. To the General of the Franciscans. No. DCCXVI.

f. 141. i. Ordination held in Slyndon chapel on Saturday "quatuor temporum," Sept. 1291.

Acolytes:—Thos. and John de Mepeham.

Subdeacons:—Edm. de Romenal, with title of Snaregate ch., Wm. de Pretewelle, with title of Aldermariecherche, London, Nic. de Castro, with title of Erde ch, John de Thorp.

Deacons:—Michael de Walecote, Simon de S. Albano, rector of Karleton, near Dover.

Priests:—Nic. de Hogestone, rector of Kembrigtone, Cov. and Lich. dioc., John de Hallyngebery, rector of Ellestede, Chich. dioc., Ric. de Frethenestede, John de Waltham, rector of Waltham, Chich. dioc.

ii. Safe conduct for J. de Bestane, professor of canon law, going to Rome. Slyndon, 3 id., Oct. 1291.

f. 141 b. i. Similar letter.

ij. To the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. No. DCCXVII.

iij. Licence to the Bp. of Hereford to confer orders. Wingham, 13 cal. April 1291[-2].

Ordination held accordingly by the Bp. of Hereford in the parish ch. of Wy, Cant. dioc., on Sat. "qua cantatur officium *Sitientes*." The following persons of the diocese and exempt jurisdiction of Canterbury, were ordained.

Acolytes:—Simon, *dictus* de Feretro, Stephen, *dictus* Hubert, John de Snergate, Wm. de Dovor, John de Burne, John, *dictus* Cok, Nic. de Begheres, Wm. de Northburn, Ric. de Patrikesburn, Thos. de Racoluere, Thos. de Midelhar', Stephen de S. Johanne, Walter Fraunceys, Wm. Puscyn, Thos. Weilaund, John de Cranebrok, Simon de Gaeola de Cantuar,' Walter, son of Wm. de Huphulle, Thomas, son of Adam Pistor de Wy, Thos., *dictus* Barbir, John de Wy, John, *dictus* Faber de Cant,' Ric. de Clive, John de Chileham.

Subdeacons:—Wm. de Chertham, Roger Treisgoz, John de Kingestone, Gilbert de Egethorn, Simon Joye de Cantuar,' Benjamin de S. Georgio, John Anekyn, rector of St. Mary's Bredene, Thos. de la Rivere, Aufred de S. Petro, Wm. de Tenderdenne.

Deacons:—Edm., rector of Sneregate, John de la Rivere, John de Stapele, Theobald de Godwineston, John de Northburne, Hen. de Fossatis, John de Northgate.

Priests:—John de Watton, rector of Kyngeston ch., John de Roucberghe, rector of St. Vedast's, Gilbert de Offintone, John de Moningeham, Geoffrey de Kyngeston.

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f. 142. i. To the Bp. of Exeter. Licence to confer Eglosheyl church on John of Exeter. Mucheldevere, 5 id. Dec. cons. 3.

ij. To the official of Winchester. No. CCX.

iij. Receipt for a "Biblia Glosata" in 2 vols., lent by the exors. of N. bp. of Winchester. Ixhull, 17 kal. Jan.

iv. To the Bp. of London. No. CCXI.

f. 142 b. i. To Martin IV. No. CCXXII.

ij. List of Judges. No. CCXXIII (p. 280).

iij. To his proctors at Rome. No. CCXXIII.

f. 143. i. To the cardinals. Similar to CCXXII. *See* p. 276, note 1.

f. 143 b. i. Safe conducts for Robt., *dictus* Bost, and Robt. de Croyndon going to Rome. Southmalling, 14 kal. Feb. 1281[-2], and Anselm de Estria, dated Aldyngton, 10 kal. Oct. 1282.

ij. Attestation of the sending of Robt. de Wodestok and Robt. de Croydun to Rome, 20 Jan. 1282[-3], indict. 10.

iij. Another copy of the letter to the cardinals on f. 143.

f. 144. i. To his proctors at Rome. No. CCXLII.

f. 144 b. i. To his proctors at Rome. No. CCL.

f. 145 b. i. Three lines of the end of No. CCLVII.

ij. Benediction of Elena de Percy as Abbess of Wherewell, in the chapel of the bp. of Salisbury, 1281[-2], 1st Sunday in Lent.

iij. Appointment of Hen. de Brandeston coadjutor to Robt. Bp. of Salisbury the Monday following.

iv. Ordinances for the official. No. CCLVIII.

f. 146. i. Desires Fulk. Lovel, archdeacon of Colchester, the Abbot of Abingdon and the Prior of Pontefract, not to undertake, without consulting him, the case between him and the bp. of Hereford, which has been committed to them by the Roman Court. Clyst, 3 cal. April 1282.

ij. Revocation of commission to the Dean of Arches in two causes concerning John, rector of Eastry, which he committed to the Dean of St. Paul's and others. Mortlake, 5 cal. Maii. 1282.

iij. Commission to the Dean of Arches to hear the case between Lambert de Munnet, canon of South Malling, and the executors of John Romanus of Otteford. Mortlake. St. Mark's Day, 1282.

iv. Commission to the Prior of St. Gregory's Canterbury and Humbert de Yenna, precentor of "Aqua Bella," Maur. dioc., to hear the charge brought by John de Perogiis, rector of Cherring, against Giles Daudenardo, rector of Croindon, for robbing Cherring church. Mortlake, 3 cal. Maii 1282.

f. 146 b. i. Martin de Hampton, rector of Wightrichesham, is appointed commissary of Canterbury. Mortlake, 3 Non. Maii 1282.

ij. To Adam de Hales. No. CCLXXIX.

iij. Robt. de Lacy is appointed official of Winchester, *Sede vacante.* Slyndon, 9 cal. Jun. 1282.

iv. Revocation of Adam de Hale's commission as official of Winchester. Slyndon, 10 cal. Jun. 1282.

v. Desires the bp. of Exeter to confer Egloshayle ch. on John de Exon,' canon of Exeter, or Walter de Baunton. Slyndon, 5 cal. Jun.

147. i. To the Bp. of Exeter. No. CCLXXXI.

ij. Commission to Adam de Hales to proceed against Theodisius de Camilla, rector of Wengeham and Therrynge, Cant. and Chich. dioc. Slyndon, 7 id., Jun. 1282.

iij. Libel of Adam de Hales against Camilla.

iv. Commission to the Dean of St. Paul's, the archdeacon and chancellor of London, to try the case of Edm. earl of Cornwall against the exors. of Walter, late bp. of Exeter. Slyndon, 7 id., Jun. consecr. 4.

f. 147 b. i. Power to the Dean of Arches to demand John de Westgate, clk., imprisoned. Slyndon, 14 cal. Jul. 1282.

ij. Orders the Archdeacon of Taunton to proceed in the case between the prior of Stokecursi and the vicar of Kelvetone, notwithstanding the inhibition of the bp. of Bath and Wells. Slindon, 13 cal. Jul. consecr. 4.

iij. Appeal against the claim of Giffredus de Vezano, papal nuncio, to a pension from St. Saviour's Abbey, Faversham. Canterbury, 16 July 1282.

f. 148. i. To his proctor at Rome. No. CCXCVII.

ij. To his proctor at Rome. No. CCXCVIII.

f. 149. i. Transcript of a brief of Gregory [IX.] concerning the exaction of a pension from Faversham Abbey. Perusii, 18 cal. Feb. pont. 3.[1] Wingham, 30 July 1282.

f. 149 b. i. Power to A. prior of St. Swithin's, to absolve Nic. de Hamme, Subprior, Godfrey de Essex, third prior, and 9 other monks of his house. Maydenestan, 4 id. Aug. 1282.

ij. Power to the Dean of Christianity at Winchester, to absolve Adam, prior of St. Swithin, Nic. de Merewell, and 4 other monks. Same date.

iij. Account of the matrimonial cause between Petronilla Bebler and Ric. de Braunford, in which the subdean of the Bp. of Hereford refused an appeal to the Archbp.'s court.

f. 150. i. Process against the official and Bp. of Hereford for contempt of the mandate of the archbp's. court, concerning the will of Hen. de Havekly, late canon of Lincoln.

ij. Commission to Martin, his commissary, to compel debtors of Stephen, late rector of Saltwood, to pay their debts. Aldyngton, cal. Sept. 1282.

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[1] The seal of Robert, Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, which is appended, is thus described: "imago unius abbatis induti capa "chori, et ex utraque parte im- "pressio unius rosæ."

iij. Citation of the monks of Gloria[1] to show their title to the church of Lyde. Aldyngton, Non Sept.

f. 150 b. i. Appointment of Wm. de la Sele, rector of Yhamme, as master of the Hospital "Novi operis de Maydestan." Aldington, 12 cal. Oct. 1282.

ij. Power to Anselm de Estria to recover property left by Kylewardeby at Rome, Aldington, 11 cal. Oct. 1282.

iij., iv. Two powers for Anselm, to beg the Pope for restitution, and to contract a loan. Aldington, 10 cal. Oct. 1282.

f. 151. i. Power to Anselm to appoint a proctor at Rome. Same date.

ij. Appointment of Ph. de Pommonte and Jas. de Trebis, proctors at Rome. Aldington, 12 cal. Oct. 1282.

iij. Commission to Martin, his commissary, to inquire concerning infringement of the liberties of the see near Lewes. Southmalling, 3 cal. Oct. 1282.

iv. Appointment of Adam de Hale official at Hereford, *sede vacante.* Sele, 2 cal. Oct. 1282.

f. 151 b. i. Intimation thereof to the Dean and Chapter. Same date.

ij. Power to Martin, his commissary, to punish John de Dovoria, rector of St. Mary's in the Marsh, near Romenhale, for violating sequestration. Hereford, 4 id. Dec., ord. 4.

iij. To Martin, his commissary. No. CCCLXXIV.

iv. Commission to Luke, Treasurer of Hereford, and Robt. le Wyse, of Gloucester, canon, to receive persons to be ordained. Penbrugge, 16 cal. Jan., ordin. 4.

f. 152. i. To the official of Canterbury. No. CCCLXXV.

ij. To the dean of Hereford. No. CCCLXVII.

iij. Commission to Walter de Rudmarel, Thos. Breton, canons of Hereford, and John Ros, canon of Wormele, to receive money owing to John, late bp. of Hereford. Hereford, Non. Jan. 1282[-3], ord. 4.

iv. To the official of the Archdeacon of Stafford. No. CCCLXXXVII.

f. 152 b. i. To the Dean of Hereford. No. CCCLXXXVI.

ij. To the Prior of Stafford. No. CCCLXXXVIII.

iij. Commission to Roger de Sevenake, rector of Sevenake, to correct certain irregularities in the archdeaconries of Hereford and Shrewsbury. Hampton episcopi, 15 cal. Feb., consecr. 4.

iv. Similar commission to the official of the Bp. of Worcester, for the archdeaconries of Worcester and Gloucester. Mortlake, 4 Non. April 1283, ordin. 5.

v. Instruction to Robt. de Seleseye, Proctor at Rome. No. CCCCXXV.

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[1] According to Hasted (iii. 516.), Lyde church belonged to Tintern Abbey, which like other Cistercian houses was dedicated to St. Mary.

vi. Power to Seleseye. No. CCCCXXV. (p. 551).[1]

f. 153. i. Commission to the archdeacon of London and Robt. de Stowe, canon, to try causes concerning John de Clive, Robt., rector of Huleye, and others. Neutymbre, 4 cal. Jun. 1283.

ij. To the official of Worcester. No. CCCCXLI.

iij. Commission to the Dean of South Malling to demand the liberation of Ph., son of Wm. de Shirincton, clerk, imprisoned. Southmalling, 4 id. Jul. 1283.

iv. Commission to the archdeacon of Lewes to hear the cause between Reginald Gerlaund, and Godfrey de Acres. Aldyngton, cal. Sept. 1283, ordin. 5.

v. To the Dean and Canon of Chichester. No. CCCCLXXIX.

vi. Power to J. de Bekyngeham to contract a loan. Mortlake, 10 cal. Oct. 1283.

("Restituta fuit litera cancellata per. J. de Bek. apud Mortelek,' 4 cal. Maii 1285.")

f. 153 b. i. Similar letter for Wm. de Sardinia. Dorkcestre, Linc. dioc., 7 cal. Nov. 1284.

ii. Commission to Hen. Lovell, steward, Thos., rector of Chertham, and Walter de Chelecumbe, rector of Ikham, to audit the accounts of Roger Burt, treasurer of the chamber. Mortlake, 7 cal. Nov. 1283.

iij. To Ric. de Nedham and Anselm of Eastry. No. CCCCXCIX.

iv. To the Prior of Southwark and others. No. DII.

v. Citation of the vicar of Hareghes and others, executors of Geoffrey de Everlee, late rector of Harewes. Winchester, 6 id. Jan.

f. 154. i. Mem. of citation and commission to the Dean of Arches in a cause between Sir W. de Heure and Matilda de Horne. Southmalling, 3 id. Feb.

ij. Commission to John de Bekyngeham to act as his proctor at Rome in Cammilla's case. Tenham, 4 cal. April 1284.

iij. To Geoffrey de Scapeya. No. DXXXV.

iv. Commission to John de Cave, rector of Northburg, and 2 others, to demand from the King's Justices John Pycot, dean of Exeter, Reginald, *dictus* Arceweke, John de Christanestowe, vicar of Exeter, and 8 others, accused of the death of Walter de Lychelade, canon of Exeter. Wyngeham, 2 id. April 1284.

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[1] Note at foot of page, "Istud procuratorium fuit solemniter re-" vocatum."

f. 154 b. i, ii. Custody of Spiritualities of Salisbury committed to Wm. de Sardinia and letter to the dean and chapter. Chartham, kal. Maii.

iij. Commission to Robt. de Lacy and Anselm de Estria, to hear the case between Wm. de Loueny and Paulina de Bolonia. Wellye, Sat. after Trinity Sunday, 1281. cons. 3.

iv. Power to Reynerius and Barrononius, merchants of Lucca, to receive 50*l.* from Adam de Avenebyry, for the sequestration of Campeden church. Amundesham, 11 kal. Jun. "Anno prædicto."

v. Commission to Hen. Lovel, Martin, the Commissary, Thos. de Chertham, W. de Chilecumbe and John, vicar of Wykham, to audit the accounts of Hamo, vicar of Aysshe, sometime warden of Estbregg hospital, Canterbury. Mortlake.

vi. Commission to the Archdeacon of St. Asaph to complete the visitation. Rothelani, 14 kal. Jul. 1284.

vij. To the Prior of the Dominicans at Rhuddlan. No. DLIX.

viij. Commission to the Archdeacon, Chancellor, and John de Luco, canon of London, to hear the cause between Salvagius de Florentia and Glastonbury Abbey. Hergh', Sunday after Ascension Day. 1284.

ix. Commission to the sub-prior of Pembroke. Kermerdyn, 17 kal. Aug.

x. Commission to the Archdeacon of Dorset and R. Barat to see the will of Robt. de Carevile, executed. Llandaff, 7 kal. Aug. 1284.

xi. Power to Martin, his Commissary to admit monks presented by the Prior of Christchurch. Mortlake, 5 kal. Sept. 1284.

f. 155. i. Appointment of William de Sardynia, proctor at Rome. Dorkcestr', 7 kal. Nov.

ij. Revocation of proxies. Caversham, 11 kal. Nov.

iij. To the Archdeacon of Oxford. No. DCXIV.

iv. Commission to Roger de Rothewell, Chancellor of Oxford, to audit the accounts of John Fitzguy (fil. Gwydonis), knt. exor. of Matilda Doyli, his mother. Notle, 2 id., Dec.

f. 155 b. i. Commission to Henr. Archdeacon of Oxford, and Hervey de Saham to audit the accounts of the executors of Hugh de Cantilupe Archdeacon of Gloucester. Lydinton. 7 kal. Jan.

ij. Commission to G. de S. Leofardo to audit executors' accounts, Lydintone, 4 kal. Jan. ordin. 6.

iij. To the official of Canterbury and others. No. DCXXVIII.

iv. Power to Roger Bourd to borrow 200*l.* 4 cal. Jan. 1284. (crossed out).

v. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury and Commissary. No. DCXXX.

vi. Commission to the Archdeacon of Canterbury to demand imprisoned clerks. Stowe Park, 11 kal. Feb. 1284[-5].

f. 156. *Litteræ Communes.* 1279, *Consecr.* 1.

i. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. XIII.

ij. Desires the Dean of Arches to settle the charge against Ph. de Vylgheby of having ejected Ric. de Stratford, rector of Clive, Roff dioc. South Malling, 5 id. Jul. pont. 1.

iij. To the Abbot of Bardney. No. XVIII.

v. To the Archdeacon of Bedford. No. XIX.

f. 156 b. i. Signature of the will of H. Bp. of Ely at Reading, 5 cal. Aug. and of Thos., Bp. of Hereford, 3 cal. Aug.

ij. To the official of Llandaff. Excommunication of those who robbed the messenger of the Bp. of Llandaff on his way to Reading. Reading, 2 cal. Aug.

iij. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. XX.

iv. To the Dean of Sittingbourne. Excommunication of John Elie and others, executors, for failure in making a payment to Chino, merchant of Florence. Southmalling, 14 cal. Aug. 1279.

v. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. XXI.

f. 157. i. To the Dean of Southmalling. Excommunication of Robt., vicar of Glynde, if he ministers in the church.

ij. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. XXII.

iij. To the Bishop elect of Dublin. No. XXIV.

f. 157 b. i. To the Bishop of Llandaff. No. XXVIII.

ij. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. XXIX.

iij. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. XXX.

iv. To the Earl of Surrey. No. XXXI.

f. 158. i. To the Bishop of Winchester. No. XXXII.

ij. To Hickling Priory. No. XXXIII.

iij. To the Abbess of Wherwell. No. XXXIV.

iv. To Monks of Bardney. No. XXXV.

v. To the Mayor of Sandwich. No. XXXVI.

f. 158 b. i. To the Bishop of St. Davids. No. XXXVII.

ij. To Ralph de Fremygham. No. XXXVIII.

iij. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury and the Bishop of Porto, concerning the presentation of Geoffrey de Everle to Harues ch. by the king, during his absence as ambassador of the king of Castile in Rome. Mortlake, 19 cal. Sept.

iv. To Geoffrey de Everle. On the same subject. Mortlake, Eve of the Assumption, 1279.

v. To the Bishop of Exeter. No. XXXIX.
vi. To Thos. de Gloucester and R. de Feltham, rector of St. Mary's, Oxford. Interdict of Harewell ch. Sarum dioc., the rector, Roger de Drayton, having withheld tithes due to Osney Abbey. Mortlake, 17 cal. Sept.

f. 159. i. To the Bishop elect of Dublin and M. Ardicio. No. XL.
ij. To Kilwardby. No. XLVI.
iij. Appointment by Thos. de Shoreham of H. de Hauecl, papal chaplain, Adam de Hales, official and Hen. de la More, rector of Henle, as his proctors to receive benefices. Mortlake, Octave of S. Laurence.
iv. To S. de Penecestre. No. XLVII.

f. 159 b. i. Notice of ordination to be held at Faversham, 9 cal. Oct. Mortlake. 16 cal. Sept.
ij. To the dean and chapter of Chichester in favour of Robt. de Waddon, newly appointed canon. 14 cal. Sept.
iij. To the Priory of Hedingham Castle. No. XLIX.
iv. To Roger de Seyton, Canon of Lincoln. No. L.
v. To the Bishop of Lincoln. To the same effect.

f. 160. i. To the Prior of Canterbury. No. LI.
ij. The Papal Tenth. No. LII.
iij. Appointment of J. de Laci, coadjutor of Roger de Seyton, canon of Lincoln. Croyndon. 4 cal. Sept. Consec. 1.
iv. To the Prior and Convent of Christchurch. No. LIII.

f. 160 b. i. To Kilwardby. No. LV.
ij. Orders Bogo de Clare, papal chaplain, to restore tithes of which he has deprived Roger, rector of Sevenoke. 3 Non. Sept.

f. 161. i. To the Dean of Arches concerning the excommunication of Wm. de Hannelay for refusing to restore a book to Barth. de Tyfford. Otford, Non. Sept.
ij. To the Friars in Chapter at Cambridge. No. LVI.

f. 161 b. i. To the Abbot of St. Augustine's, Bristol. No. LVII.
ij. To the Dean of Arches concerning Hannlee and Tyfford. Otford, 5 id. Sept. Cons. 1.
iij. To the Bishop of Lincoln. No. LIX.

f. 162. i. The Dean of Arches. No. LX.
ij. Commission to Roger de Rothewelle appointed Dean of Arches. Faversham, 9 cal. Oct.
iij. Refusal to ordain Thos. de Gloucester, rector of Wykam, Sar. dioc. in default of letters from his bishop.
iv. St. Augustine's Canterbury. No. LXIII.
v. To the Abbot of St. Augustine's. No. LXIV.

f. 162 b. i. To Llewellyn. No. LXVI.
ij. To the Dean of Arches. No. LXV.

Mem. of citation of John, rector of Northfleet. Mortlake, 5 cal. Nov.

f. 163. i. To the Dean of Berkhampstead. Excommunication of the sheriffs' officers of Hertford for taking animals from Northmimmes ch. at the instance of John de Bissemede, rector of Bochampton. Lambeth, 13 cal. Nov.

ij. Absolution of the executors of Roger, late bishop of Norwich. Croyndon, 3 cal. Nov. 1279.

f. 163 b. i. To Hen. de Kylkenny, exor. of W. late, bp. of Ely. Postponement of producing his accounts. Lambeth. 2 Non. Nov. consec. 1.

ij. To the Bishop of London. No. LXVII.[1]

f. 165. i. To the Bishop of London. No. LXVII.

ij. Confirmation of the election of John, prior of St. Botulph's, Colchester, as abbot of St. Osiths *vice* Adam, resigned. Dunmawe, crastino Epiphaniæ.

iij. To the Bishop of London. On the same subject. Donemawe. 7 id. Jan.

iv. To the Bp. of Chichester. No. CXIX.

f. 165 b. i. Roger, archdeacon of Leicester, is appointed official of Lincoln, *sede vacante.* Dunmawe, 6 id. Jan. consec. 1.

ij. To Christchurch, Canterbury. No. LXXIII.

iij. To John de Wythington, canon of Lincoln, concerning the performance of the will of Hen. de Hauekel', late chancellor. Fulham, 7 kal. Feb.

f. 166. i. To the vicar of Ros, another of Hauekel's exors.

ij. To the Chancellor of York. No. LXXX.

iij. Appointment of Robt. de Kyvelingwrth, coadjutor of Ralph, rector of Kyvelingwrth, Linc. dioc. Northampton, 8 cal. Mart. 1279[-80], consecr. 1.

f. 166 b. i. To Adam de Hales. No. LXXXIII.

ij. To the Bp. elect of Lincoln. No. LXXXV.

iij. To the Archdeacon of Oxford. No. LXXXIV.

iv. To the Prior of St. Peter's, Ipswich, judge in a cause between the prior and convent of Finneshefde (Fineshade), Linc. dioc., and John de Lovetot, rector of Boleswyk. Etone, 8 id. Mart.

v. To the same. Citation of Wm. de Cretingeham and others for violence to John vicar of Boleswyk. Eton, 8 id. Mart. consecr. 2.

f. 167. i. To the Dean of Sparkenho. Citation of John de Norton, Roger Forman and others, for refusing to pay a fine. Etewelle, 16 cal. April.

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[1] This copy is crossed out.

ii. To the bp. of Cov. and Lich. Release of the sequestration of Egemundon ch. of which Matthew Spinelli, the rector, was said to be dead. Etewelle, 15 cal. April.

iij. To the Bp. elect of Lincoln. No. LXXXVI.

f. 167 b. i. Citation of Fulco Lovel, Archdeacon of Colchester, and Andrew of Colchester, exors. of Ph. Basset. Derlee, 15 cal. April 1279[–80].

ij. To the Abbot of Bardney. No. LXXXVII.

f. 168. i. Confirmation of possessions and privileges of Rependon Priory. Derley, 13 cal. April, consec. 2.

ii. Mem. of confirmation to canons of Grislegh, of their possessions.

iij. To the Dean of Lichfield. Citation of Wm. de Senkeworth and Hen. de Ganio, canons of Lichfield, for nonattendance at visitation. Derleg, 14 cal. April, consec. 2.

iv. Citation of G. Aspal, R. de Hyngham, Walter de Cancia, Antony Bek, Brancaleo, Tetisius Malocelli and Hen. de Alemannia, canons of Lichfield, for the same cause. Derlee.

v. To Ardicio, primicerius of Milan. Does not intend to molest the prior he mentions. Derle, 11 cal. April.

f. 168 b. i. Citation of Ric., vicar of Bromle, and Ric. de Durantesthorp, executors of Wm. de Irlande, and John de Craven, rector of Sandiacre. 11 cal. April.

ij. To the Bp. of Norwich. No. LXXXVIII.

iij. To the Dean and Chapter of London. Has heard their messenger and leaves the matter to them. Asseburn, 7 kal. April, cons. 2.

iv. To the Bp. of Ely and the Bp. of Chichester, concerning the goods of Wm., late Bp. Asseburn, 8 cal. April, cons. 2.

f. 169. i. To the Prior and Convent of Ely. No. LXXXIX.

ij. To the Bp. of Ely. No. XC.

iij. Commission to Robt. de S. Petro, Thos. Folcjaumbe, and two others, to audit the accounts of the exors. of the late Hen. de Mapeldon of Asseburn. Stoke, 3 cal. April.

iv. To Antony Bek. No. XCV.

v. To the Archbishop of Dublin. No. XCVI.

f. 169 b. i. To Fulk Lovel, Archdeacon of Colchester. No. XCVII.

ij. To the Archdeacon of London. No. XCVIII.

iij. Citation of Robt., rector of Stretham, Winton dioc., for procuring royal prohibitions to be sent to spiritual judges. 7 id. April.

f. 170. iv. To the Prior of the Friars Preachers at Oxford. No. C.

i. To the Prior of Christchurch, No. CIII.

ij. To the Bp. of Exeter. No. CIV.

iij. To Merton College. No. CVI.

f. 170 b. i. To the Abbot of St. Edmund's. No. CVII.

ij. To Llewellyn. No. CVIII.

iij. To the deans of Baukwell and Tamworth concerning the will of Gilbert le Fraunceys. Wlstaneston, 16 cal. Aug.

iv. Desires his official when visiting exempt places to protest that he does it as official not as archdeacon. Wlstaneston, 16 cal. Aug.

v. To the Dean of Newcastle-under-Lyne. No. CX.

vi. To John de London, papal chaplain. Desires him to order the Abbot of Messingden to pay the costs of a suit with Ric. Blond, rector of Tappeleue. Lichfield, 8 id. Aug. consecr. 2.

f. 171. i. Wm. de Senkeworth, canon of Lichfield. No. CXIV.

ij. To the Prior and Convent of Winchester. No. CXVII.

iij. Submission of Ric. de la More, to Peckham, whether he can hold the archdeaconry of Winchester and the subdeanery of Lincoln together. Bugeden, 3 id. Sept. 1280, consecr. 2.

f. 171 b. i. Inspeximus of an inspeximus by Kilwardby of an agreement between Stephen, Archbp. of Canterbury, and the Abbey of Bec for the payment to the house of St. Philbert of a pension from the ch. of Saltwode, the archbp. to have the patronage. St. Neots, cal. Oct. pont. 5 :—Attelburgh, 17 cal. Dec. 1280.

ij. To the official, concerning an appeal by John de Cant,' rector of Neuton, Linc. dioc., in which the queen is interested. Norwich 9 cal. Dec.

iij. To the Chancellor of Oxford. No. CLXII.

iv. Letters of recommendation for Simon de Capella, papal nuncio. Mortlake, 6 cal. Jul. [1281].

f. 172. i. To Peter Albi, *alias* Blanci. No. CLXX.

ij. Grant of the advowson of Aldelyme ch., Cheshire, to the Prior and Convent of St. Thomas's, Stafford.

iij. To the abbot of Ghent. No. CLXXIV.

iv. To Antony Bek. No. CC.

f. 172 b. i. Desires the prior of Southwick to send him the decision of the chapter about the deposed prior. Southmalling, 4 id. Jan. consecr. 3.

ij. Desires the dean of Sandwich to order the master and brethren of the "Domus infirmorum" of Sandwich to receive Robt. Russel, in accordance with a papal mandate. Otteford, prid. cal. Feb. consecr. 3.

iij. To the Prior and Convent of Southwick. No. CCXXXIV.

iv. Supersedeas in causes concerning the churches of Karewente and Wolveneuton. Bucfestre Abbey. 4 Non. Mart. 1281[-2].

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f. 173. i. To the Bp. of London. No. CXLIV.

ij. To the Bp. of London. Desires him to reduce the pension allowed to the late Abbot of St. Osith's. Asks for a reply to his letter for the excommunication of persons at Neuport, Lond. dioc., Leytheston, 10 cal. Mart. consecr. 3.

iij. To the Bp. of Norwich. No. CXLVIII.

f. 173 b i. To the Sheriff of Stafford. Excommunication of Ric. de Peulesden. Meleford, 8 id. Mart., cons. 3.

ij. To R. Bp. of London. Desires him to demand the release of Ric. Osgot, clk., arrested at Newport. Ipswich, 5 Non. Mart. 1280–1, cons. 3.

iij. Commission to Wm. de Corneria and John de Lacy, canon of Lincoln, to inquire, relative to the election of Ric. de la More to the see of Winchester, whether the subdeanery of Lincoln is a dignity or a benefice. Leythiston, 10 cal. Mart. 1280[–1], consecr. 3.

iv. To the abbot of Hyde. Citation of Ric. de la More to appear at Frekyngham, on Sat. qua cantatur "Sitientes." Ixeworth, 13 cal. April, consecr. 3.

f. 174. i. To Adam official of Winchester. To the same effect and of the same date.

ij. To the Bp. of London, to defer the excommunication of the offenders at Newport till the next Parliament. Puleham, 9 cal. April, consecr. 3.

iij. To the Bp. of Norwich. No. CLVI.

f. 174 b. i. To the justices. Excommunication of Ric. de Pulesdon. Frekinham, 2 cal. April 1281. consecr. 3.

ij. To the nuns of Burnham. No. CLVIII.

iij. Forbids the Archdeacon of Canterbury punishing the ministers of his church. Frekinham, cal. April, consecr. 3.

iv. To Thos. Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury. Denies the right of the monks to appeal against him to the Archbp. Frekenham, 1 April. consec. 3.

f. 174 a. Resignation by Nic. de Croland of the rectory of Bradford (Yorks). Cawod, 4 id. Sept. 1281, pont 2.

The seal of the Archbp. of York, appended to the original, is thus described "In sigillo imago archiepiscopi, et in parte "dextra caput Beati Pauli cum gladio super caput, et in "sinistra caput Beati Petri cum clavibus supra caput. "Circumscriptio. S. Willi. Dei gr̃a Eboracen. Archiep̃i An-"gliæ primatis." Presented at Suwyk, 15 cal. Dec. 1281.

f. 175. i. To Martin IV. No. CLIX.

ij. To the Dean of Malmesbury. Repeats his order for inquiry about the assault on Adam le Wite.

iij. To the Bp. of Norwich. No. CLXI.

f. 175 b. i. Desires the prior of Otterton, Exon. dioc., not to resist the augmentation of the vicarage of Herpeford. Stratford extra London. 5 Non. Maii. consecr. 3.

ij. To the Convent of Christchurch. No. CLXIII.

iij. Orders the vicar of Lananta, Exon. dioc., to pay the price of crops bought from the sequestrated church of S. Felicitas de Canarton. Lambeth, 2 cal. Jul.

iv. To the Bp. of London. No. CLXXVIII.

f. 176. i. To the Bp. of London. No. CLXXIX.

ij. To the Abbot of St. Albans. No. CLXXXI.

f. 176 b. i. To the Bp. of Worcester. CLXXXII.

ij. Asks the Bp. of Salisbury whether he gave the church of Tarente Gundevile, to John Pycot, dean elect of Exeter, before the council of Reading or after. South Malling, 18 cal. Sept.

iij. To Adam de Hales, custodian of the spiritualties of Winchester, at the instance of the convent of St. Swithin's, to forbid the Carmelite friars there claiming the right of sepulchre or hearing confessions during the vacancy. Suthmalling, 15 cal. Sept.

iv. To the official of Winchester. No. CLXXXV.

v. To the Dean and Chapter of Rouen. No. CLXXXVIII.

f. 177. i. To the Prior of Christ church, Canterbury. Notification of an ordination to be held on Sat. "iv. temporum" after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and of visitation on the following Sunday. Lambeth, 4 Non. Sept.

ij. To the Bp. of Bath and Wells. Excommunication of Ric. de Pyvelisdon. Croydon, 4 Non. Sept.

iij. To the Archdeacons of Chester and Shrewsbury. Excommunication of R. de Pyvelesdon, Thos. de Audelime and Ric. le Poure.

iv. To the Bp. of Cov. and Lich. Orders him to annul the division of Wythoxhath' ch. Croyden, 3 cal. Sept.

f. 177 b. i. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. CXC.

ij. Finds fault with the precentor and treasurer of Hereford for their conduct in a cause between the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield and Reyner de Florencia. Aldinton, 15 kal. Oct. 1281. consecr. 3.

iij. To Roger de Nortwode and John Romanus. Approves of their assigning 770 mks. from his manors for the poor. Suthm', 12 cal. Sept.

iv. Mandate to the Dean of Lymene to put John of Exeter, rector of Wodechurch, in possession of tithes claimed by the prior of St. Martin's, Dover. Wynham, 3 cal. Oct. consecr. 3.

v. To the Prior and Chapter of Christchurch. No. CCI.

f. 178. i. To Roger de Mortimer. No. CCV.

ij. To the bp. of London and the earl of Gloucester. Writes to the official and Dean of Arches about the sentence of which the bp. complains. St. Denis, 8 cal. Dec.

iij. To Isabella de Mortimer. No. CCVI.

f. 178 b. i. To the Bp. of Salisbury. No. CCVIII.

ij. Intimates to the prior of Kenelword that Budeford ch. is void by the admission of Hen. de Kemeseye to St. Mary's chantry, Southampton. Essere, 15 cal. Jan. 1281.

iij. To the Dean of Pickering and others. No. CCII.

f. 179. i. To the Mayor of Scarborough. No. CCIII.

ii. Pension of 50*s*. to be paid by the Abbot of St. Augustine's to Hamo de Braburne. Ichulle, 17 cal. Jan. 1281, consecr. 3.

iij. Inspeximus of a licence by Oliver, bp. of Lincoln, to Andrew de Redestok rector of Cumbe, "cruce signatus," to receive the fruits of his benefice during his pilgrimage. Netelham, 3 cal. Aug. 1281, pont 2:—Lameth, 5 id. Oct. consecr. 3.

f. 179 b. i. Wm. de Shomershete is appointed Constable of Sherburne Castle and keeper of Almaric de Montfort. Suthmalling, 7 id. Jan. 1281[-2] consec. 3.

ij. To the Bp. of Exeter. No. CCXVII.

iij. To Adam de Avebury. Confirmation of his institution to Campedene ch. by the bp. of Worcester. Lambeth 3 cal. Nov. 1281, consecr. 3.

iv. Receipt for money from exors. of Hen. de Hauecle. Lameth. Christmas eve, 1281.

v. To the Bp. of Hereford. No. CCXVIII.

f. 180. i. To the Abbot of Bardney. Desires him to present to Parteney ch. the person named by W. de Corneria. Mortlake, 6 id. Febr. 1281[-2].

ij. Notification that John, archbp. of Dublin, dean of St. Michael's, Pencriz, is not included in the excommunication of the clerks of that chapel. Salisbury, 15 cal. Mart. 1281[-2] cons. 3.

iij. To the Bp. of Cov. and Lich. in favour of John de Henle, proctor of Jordan de Wynburne, archdeacon of Chester, wrongfully excommunicated. Exeter, 6 cal. Mart. consec. 4.

f. 180 b. i. To Adam de Hale. No. CCXLIV.

ij. To Anthony Bek. No. CCXLV.

iij. To the Dean of Arches, supersedeas in the case of appeal between Edm. de Mortemer and the Bp. of Worcester. Hertilande, 3 id. Mart., consecr. 4.

iv. Excommunication of the bp. of Hereford. Hertlaunde, id. Mart.

v. To Wm. Daumbeses, to desist from molesting St. Mary's ch., Merton. Mortlake, 14 cal. Maii. (In margin:—Pro domo de Merton.)

f. 181. i. To the Dean of Exeter. No. CCXLL.

ij. To the official of Canterbury. No. CCLI.

iij. Excommunication of Rob. de Wychio. No. CCLII.

f. 181 b. i. To Roger de Haspal, servant of the earl Marshal, concerning a debt of his master's to Ph. Basset, dec. Mortlake, 15 cal. Maii. 1282.

ij. Process against the Abbots of St. Alban's, St. Edmund's, and Waltham for refusing to attend the council of Lambeth, with their submission. St. Mark's day, 1282.

f 182. i. For Anthony Bek. No. CXXII.

ij. To the official of the archdeacon, to forbid the mayor and barons of Sandwich procuring prohibitions in their cause with John, rector of Eastry, concerning St. Bartholomew's Hospital, near Sandwich. Mortlake, 5 cal. Maii.

iij. To Adam de Hales to find out about the proceedings of the bp. elect of Winchester at Rome.

iv. To Wm. de Haleberge, commission to act with the Dean of Arches in a cause between Hen., son of Hen. of Boclaunde and the exors. of Robt. de Trillowe. Mortlake, 5 cal. Maii 1282, cons. 4.

f. 182 b. i. To the official of the archdeacon of Chester. No. CCLXIV.

ij. Excommunication of David de Sevenok. Mortlake, 1 May.

iij. To the Deans of South Malling, Pageham, Shoreham, and Croydon, and the Commissary, to inquire about churches not dedicated. Mortlake, 3 Non. Maii.

iv. Thos. de Oxon, exor. of John Romanus, is ordered to send his account.

f. 183. i. To the official and Dean of Arches, in a cause between Cecilia la Paumere and Edm. le Carpentir. Mortlake, 8 id. Maii. 1282.

ij. Revocation of sentence against Peter de Guldeford, and the other exors. of Walter, bp. of Exeter, in the case between them and Almaric de Montfort. Mortlake, Non. Maii.

iij. Compotus of the exors. of Wm. de la Hole, late vicar in Exeter cathedral. Mortlake, 3 non Maii.

iv. To the Prioress of Stratford. No. CCLXXI.

f. 183 b. i. To the archdeacon of Cornwall, against those who robbed Reg. le Erceuek, rector of Pundestok. Mortlake, 5 id. Maii.

ij. Citation of Tedisius de Camilla. Mortlake, 5 id. Maii.

iij. To the Dean of S. Malling, same subject. 8 cal. Jun.

iv. To the dean of Tresel, Cov. and Linc. dioc., concerning John of Eton, wrongfully excommunicated. Mortlake, 4 id. Maii.

v. Order to the official to pay the 15th collected in Canterbury diocese. Slindon, 2 id. Maii.

f. 184. i. To John de Slyndon, chaplain of Terring, for information as to the chantry. Slindon, id. Maii.

ij. To Uguicio, papal chaplain, rector of Schorham, to reside on his cure. Slindon, 14 cal. Jun.

iij. To the archdeacon of Middlesex, to excommunicate the prioress of Stratford, unless she receive Isabella, d. of Robt. de Bret. Slyndon, 14 cal. Jun.

f. 184 b. i. To the Dean of Drokenesford, to persuade the parishioners of Chalcton, to continue to pay half the salary of the chaplain of Ideswrthe chantry. Slindon, 5 cal. Jun.

ij. Dean of South Malling to the abp. Has cited Camilla. Southmalling, Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

iij. To the Dean of Arches. No. CCLXXXII.

f. 185. i. Order to deans and the commissary to send the 15th collected by them to London. Slyndon, 2 non. Jun.

ij. To the official, desiring him not to grant inhibitions for appeals from the abp.'s commissaries. Slyndon, 2 non. Maii., 1282, consec. 4.

iij. To the official. Orders him to grant the appeal of Giles, rector of Cherring. Slyndon, 2 Non. Jun.

iv. To the Abbot of Westminster. No. CCLXXXVI.

v. To Bogo de Clare. No. CCLXXXVII.

f. 185 b. i. To the Prior of Christchurch. No. CCLXXXVIII.

ij. Absolution of Alex. de Montibus, monk of St. Swithun's, Winchester, from excommunication. Slyndon, 17 cal. Jul.

f. 186. i. To his official. The archdeacon of Essex has complained of his infringing his rights at Wrytele, in Essex, which is assigned to the house of S. Spiritus de Saxia in Rome. Slyndon, 16 cal. Jul. 1282.

ij. To the official of the archdeacon of Bedford and Dean of Flitte, not to interfere with the rights of Sir Ric. de Argenthem, in the chantry of Wroxhulle ch., till the Welsh war is finished. Slindon, 13 cal. Jul. consecr. 4.

iij. To William de Montford. No. CCLXXXIX.

f. 186 b. i. To the earl of Cornwall. No. CCXCIV.

ij. To the Dean of South Malling, for the delivery to his bailiffs of Wm. Godwyne, a thief, imprisoned at Lewes. South Malling, 4 id. Jul. consecr. 4.

iij. To Thos. de Oxonia and other exors. of John Romanus, rector of Halstede, to pay his legacies to the church of Rome. Magefeld, 4 id. Jul. consecr. 4.

iv. To the dean and chapter of Lichfield. On the same subject as the following. Wyngham, 7 cal. Aug.

v. To Cosa, a Florentine. No. CCCII.

f. 187. i. To his official. No. CCCIII.

ii. To the archdeacon of Huntingdon. No. CCCV.

iij. To the Dean of Malling and others. No. CCCIV.

iv. Similar letter to the Deans in the archdeaconries of Canterbury. Wyngeham, 4 cal. Aug. 1282.

f. 187 b. i. To Martin, his Commissary, to hear evidence for the legitimacy of Simon and Andrew, sons of Master Omerus de Cantuaria. Wengham, 8 id. Aug. 1282.

ij. To John de Cobeham. No. CCCXIV.

iij. To Wm. de Montford, vicar of the Bishop of Hereford, for the liberation of Ric. de Brainford and his son Richard. Otford, 10 cal. Sept.

f. 188. i. To the dean of Christianity, Canterbury, to threaten Robt. de Scotho, Sheriff of Kent, and others, with excommunication for extorting the subsidy for the Welsh war from his tenants. Maydenestan, 9 cal. Sept. consecr. 4.

ij. To the Precentor of Wells, commissary of P. bp. of Exeter. Will send the process in the case between Wm. de Loueni and Paulina de Bonon'. Aldington, 5 cal. Sept.

iij. Citation for an ordination to be held at Hethe, Saturday iv. temporum. Aldington, 3 cal. Sept. 1282, consecr. 4.

f. 188 b. i. To the archdeacon of Lewes. If Wm. de Hastynges is under a sentence of excommunication from the bp. of Chichester as well as the archbp.; he is not to be liberated. Aldyngton, Non Sept.

ij. To Wm. de Hethe, rector of St. Nicholas, Hethe. Concerning an assault by Wm. le Hope, layman, on Stephen in[1] Ryseberwe, clk., in the churchyard. Aldington, 7 id. Sept.

iij. To the official of the Bp. of Lincoln, concerning a complaint of Thos. Avery of his being unlawfully excommunicated by the Dean of Rothewelle. Aldyngton, 7. id. Sept.

iv. To the Prior and Chapter of St. Swithuns. No. CCCXIX.

v. To the Archdeacon of Sudbury (Subyr'.) Excommunication of John de Deneby and others for violating the sequestration of the churches of Redgrave and Ryseby. Aldyngton. Id. Sept.

f. 189. i. Notification that Omerus de Cant.' was not excommunicated. Aldington, 11 cal. Oct. 1282. consecr 4.

ij. To the earl of Cornwall. No. CCCXXII.

iij. To the Mayor of London. No. CCCXXIII.

iv. To G., his official, to protect his tenants from extortion at Chetham fair, Rochester dioc. Cranebroc, 9 cal. Oct. consecr. 4.

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[1] Sic.

f. 189 b. i. To the Dean of Dartford to procure the restoration of cattle taken from Thomas de Wychindenn. Cranebroc, 9 cal. Oct. consecr. 4.

ij. To the Official and Dean of Arches. No. CCCXXIV.

f. 190. i. To the Dean and Chapter of Hereford. Notice of visitation on 15 Oct. Colyngeburne. 2 Non. Oct. 1282, consecr. 4.

ij. To the Dean and Chapter of Hereford. No. CCCXXVI.

iij. Order to Adam de Hale, official of Hereford, *sede vacante*, to give notice of the visitation.

iv. Llewellyn, Pr. of Wales. No. CCCXXVII.

v. Mem. of the citation of the Bp. of St. Asaph. Rotelan, 5 id. Nov.

vi. To R. de Lacy and W. de Sardenia. No. CCCXXXVI.

f. 190 b. i. To his official. No. CCCXXXVIII.

ij. To the Dean of Hereford. No. CCCXXXV.

iij. To the Dean of Hereford. CCCLXII.

iv. To Manuel, archdeacon of Cremona. No. CCCXXX.

f. 191. i. Mandate for the excommunication of Emanuel, archdeacon of Cremona. Rothelan, 4 cal. Nov. 1282.

ij. The Bp. of Bath refuses to act as exor. of R. de Mortemer. Rothelan, 8 id. Nov., ordin. 4.

iij. To his official to hear the complaint of Ralph, John and Ric., sons of the late Sir Hugh Bigod, against John earl Warenn, and his other exors. Rothelan, 7 id. Nov. 1282.

iv. To the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield. No. CCCLXIV.

v. To the official of Cov. and Lich. to excommunicate the Abbot of Cumbermere if he continues to hold Dreyton church by force.

f. 191 b. i. To the Subprior of Rufford. No. CCCXXXIV.

ij. To the Abbot of Shrewsbury. No. CCCLXVI.

f. 192. i. Declaration that visiting Hereford diocese during a vacancy shall not be prejudicial to the rights of the See. Hereford, 7 id. Dec. 1282.

ij. To the abbot of Westminster. No. CCCXXIX.

iij. To Adam de Nanneu. No. CCCLXX.

iv. To Maud Lungespeye. No. CCCLXXI.

f. 192 b. i. To the Prior of St. Thomas, Stafford, to compel John de Penford to pay 40*s*. a year to his wife, as he is bound to do. Penbrigge, 16 cal. Jan. consecr. 4.

ij. To the Archdeacon, to hear the case of the Bp. of Durham and the Archbp. of York, if there is an appeal, as G., the official, is interested. Dore, St. Thomas's day. Ordin. 4. (*See* No. CCCLXXV.)

iij. To Griffin Wenonwyn. No. CCCLXXVII.

iv. To the Deans of St. Paul's and of Arches, concerning John de Luco, canon of London, who is infringing the liberties of the ch. of Canterbury. Ros, 6 cal. Jan. 1282. Ordin. 4.

v. To Wm., Precentor of Cridinton, to demand the fruits of Pundestok ch., sequestrated, from Wm. de Moneketon, rector of Mornwenestouwe. Dore, 11 kal. Jan.

f. 193. i. Mem. that the archdeacon of Brecon was ordered on 5 cal. Jan. to certify the abp. whether Llewellyn was buried at Cumhyr church, which he has not done.

ij. To the Dean and Chapter of Hereford, to receive Ric. de Suinefeud, the bp. elect. Ros, 2 cal. Jan. 1282. Ordin. 4.

iij. To the clergy and laity of Hereford. No. CCCLXXXI.

iv. To the official of the Bp. of Hereford, to hold consistories only at Hereford, Ludlow, Monmouth, or Ross. Ledbury, 2 id. Jan. 1282[–3]. Ordin. 4.

v. To the official of the bp. elect of Hereford. No. CCCLXXXV.

vi. Citation of archdeacons of Hereford and Shropshire. Ledebury, 2 id. Jan. Ordin. 4.

f. 193 b. i. To the Dean of Bureford. Citation of the rector of Ak' for holding his benefice unordained. Ledebury, 3 id. Jan. 1282[–3]. Consecr. 4.

ij. To the official of the Bp. of Bath. No. CCCXC.

iij. To the Dean of Risborough. No. CCCXCII.

iv. To the officials of the archdeacons of Cornwall and Totton, to collect the unpaid dues of the late visitation. Blockele, 6 kal. Feb., ordin. 5.

v. To the official of Hereford and Shropshire to levy fines. 5 cal. Feb.

vi. To the official of the archdeacon of Worcester. No. CCCXCV.

vij. Mem. of notice of visitation to the archdeacon of Winchester. Slyndon, 3 cal. Jan. 1283.

f. 194. i. To the Dean of Hereford. No. CCCXCVIII.

ij. To the official and others. No. CCCXCIX.

f. 194 b. i. To the official of the archdeacon of Worcester. No. CCCC.

ij. To the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, concerning their grant of a pension from Horeburne ch. to Renerius de Florentia. Wynchecumbe, 12 cal. Martii.

iij. To Geoffrey de Vezano. No. CCCCII.

iv. To the dean of Ryseberg, to cite Leo, rector of Neuton. Tewkesbury, 5 cal. Martii, 1282[–3], ordin. 5.

f. 195. i. To J. de Luco, canon of London. No. CCCCIII.

ij. Excommunication of those who infringed the Abp.'s liberties at Croydon. Tewkesbury, 4 cal. Martii.

iij. To advocates at Rome. No. CCCCIV.
iv. To the Dean of Croydon. Citation of the rector of Hese. Bristol, 17 cal. April 1282[–3], ordin. 5.
v. To Antony Bek. No. CCCCVII.
vi. To the Dean of Derby, citation of the bp. of Cov. and Lich. and Hugh de Vienna, incumbent of Spondon. Hembury, 14 cal. April, ordin. 5.

f. 195 b. i. To the official of the Bp. of Hereford. No. CCCCVIII.
ii. To the official of Arras and others. No. CCCCX.
iij. Citation of John de Borstouwe. 7 id. April.
iv. To the official of the Bp. of Bath. No. CCCCXIII.

f. 196. i. To the dean of Croydon. Citation of the rector of Wimbledon to reside on his benefice, Otford. 5 id. April, ordin. 5.
ij. Power to Roger Burd, canon of Hereford, and Hen. le. Galeys, citizen of London, to contract a loan of 300*l.* Canterbury, 13 cal. Maii 1283. ("Cancellatur litera "quia non habuit effectum.")
iij. Custody of the temporalities and spiritualities of the see of Rochester granted to Hen. Lovel, the abp.'s steward. Wyngeham, 10 cal. Maii 1283, ordin. 5.
iv. Power to the Bp. of Moray (Moravien') to ordain canons of his church. Wyngeham, 12 cal. Maii.
v. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. CCCCXVIII.

f. 196 b. i. To the provincial of the friars preachers. No. CCCCXX.
ij. Congé d'élire to the prior and chapter of Rochester. Norflete, 3 cal. Maii 1283, ordin. 5.
iij. To Robt. de Lacy, official at Rochester, to order masses for the late bp. Mortlake, Non. Maii.
iv. Excommunication of persons who detain the property of the late bp. Norflete, 3 cal. Maii.
v. Order to Roger de Derteford and Peter de Guldeford, exors. of Walter, bp. of Exeter to show their accounts. Lameth, 6 id. Maii 1283, ordin. 5.

f. 197. i. To the dean of the Isle of Wight ("de Insula"). Citation of Isabella countess of Insula and Albemarle and the other exors. of John lord Fitz John. Slindon, 13 cal. Jun. 1283, ordin. 5.
ij. To the dean of Chichester. Citation of Bogo, precentor, and Ralph de Fremingeham, Walter de Bathonia, and Thos. Ber, canons of Chichester, absent at visitation, and also Wm. de Lagenerse, canon. Slyndon, 11 cal. Jun. 1283, ordin. 5.
iij. To the abbot of Seez. No. CCCCXXXIII.
iv. To the prior of Arundel. No. CCCCXXXIV.
v. To the Chancellor of York. No. CCCCXXXV.

f 197 b. i. To the dean and a canon of Chichester. No. CCCCXXXVI.

ij. To Martin de Hampton, his commissary, to cite Sir Wm. de Hevere and Matilda, his pretended wife. Battie, 14 cal. Julii 1283, ordin. 5.

iij. To the official of the Bp. of Chichester. No. CCCCXLII.

iv. To the Archdeacon of Chichester. No. CCCCXLV.

f. 198. i. To the prior and chapter of Rochester. No. CCCCXLVI.

ij. Prior and convent of Rochester to Peckham. No. CCCCXLIII.

iij. To the Prioress of Easeburne. No. CCCCXLVIII.

iv. To Wm. Pikerel, canon of St. John's, Chester. Excommunication of the Prior of St. Oswald's, Gloucester. Southmalling, 3 cal. Jul, 1283, ordin. 5.

v. To the earl of Cornwall. No. CCCCXLIX.

f. 198 b. i. To the archdeacon of Canterbury. To make inquisition as to the vacancy of Acrise ch. to which Sir Stephen de Cosincton has presented Elias de Middleton. South Malling, kal. Jul. ordin. 5.

ij. To Reginald Fitz Peter. No. CCCCLII.

iij. To the Prior of Leeds. No. CCCCL.

iv. To Nic. de Cryel and Wm. de Kyrkeby his tenants at Wrotham, to prepare for his reception there, and provide food to the amount of their rent. Southmalling, Sunday the translation of St. Benedict.

f. 199. i. Similar letters to Kyrkeby and Cryel separately, of the same date.

ij. Letters to the Prior and Convent and the people of Rochester on the confirmation of T. de Ingelthorp, bp. elect. Southmalling, 7 id. Jul.

iij. To the earl of Cornwall. No. CCCCLV.

iv. Excommunication of poachers at Burstouwe park, in the churches of Cherlewode, Grenestede, and Blachingelee. Southmalling, 6 id. Jul.

v. To the official of the bp. of Bath. No. CCCCLVI.

f. 199 b. i. Revocation from the Dean of Arches of the case between Ph. de Pyn, rector of Hamme, Exon dioc., and Laurence de Bolkeworth, exors. of Oliver de Tracy, and Peter de S. Mario, archdeacon of Surrey. Magefeld, 16 cal. Aug. 1283, consec. 5.

ij. To the official of the archdeacon of Lewes. To answer a writ from the King whether Northstoke church is vacant. Otteford, 11 cal. Aug. 1283, ordin. 5.

iij. To the Dean of Arches. No. CCCCLVIII.

iv. To Martin his commissary. No. CCCCLIX.

f. 200. i. To Geoffrey de Vezano. No. CCCCLX.

ij. To Giles de Audenarde. No. CCCCLXI.

iij. Administration of the property of J., late bp. of Rochester, to Hen. le Affeyte and Robt., rector of Suthflete. Otteford, 3 cal. Aug. 1283, ordin. 5.

iv. Power to Salvagius de Florentia, canon of St. Cedde, Shrewsbury, to hear certain causes concerning the will of John de Anagnia. Otteford, 7 cal. Aug. 1283, ordin. 5.

f. 200 *b.* i. To the prior of Lewes. No. CCCCLXIV.

ij. Warrant for the sale of the fruits of Cherringe ch. by Hen. de Wenredeston. Cherringe, Non. Aug. 1283, ordin. 5.

iij. To the official of the Bp. of Worcester. No. CCCCLXVII.

iv. To Robt., bailiff of Wyngeham, on behalf of Wm. de Sardenia, instituted to Godwyneston ch. Aldington 4 id. Aug. 1283, ordin. 5.

v. To the Dean of Arches to excommunicate those who hanged a tenant of the archbp. for theft. 2 id. Aug.

f. 201. i. To the Dean of Arches. Excommunication of David de Sevenhac, clk. and those who liberated him from prison. Aldyngton, 6 cal. Sept.

ij. To the Dean of Shoreham. No. CCCCLXXIII.

iij. Excommunication of those who are defrauding the prior and convent of Ledes of their rights in Acryse ch. Aldington, 6 cal. Sept. 1283, ordin. 5.

iv. To the Abbot of Fécamp. No. CCCCLXXV.

f. 201 b. i. To the official of the Archdeacon of Lewes. No. CCCCLXXIV.

ij. Rebukes the official of the Archdeacon of Canterbury for violating the sequestration of money intended for repairs at Acryse ch. Aldyngton, kal. Sept., ordin. 5.

iij. To the prior of Lewes. No. CCCCLXXVI.

f. 202. i. Power to the Archdeacon of Lewes to levy fines imposed for non-residence and other causes at the visitation, on the priors and convents of Michelham and Hastings, and to the official of the archdeacon of Chichester to levy procurations from the canons of Boseham, the priors and convents of Boxgrave, Herietisham, Tortitone, Arundel, and la Caucee.[1] Saltwode, 5 Id. Sept.

ii. To the Vicar of Headcorn. No. CCCCLXXVII.

iii. To W., rector of Est Lovente. Release of the sequestration of Bigegeneuere ch. Wengeham. 16 kal. Oct. 1283. ordin. 5.

f. 202 b. i. Commission to the Archdeacon and official to hear the case of Almaric de Montfort. Tenham, 10 cal. Oct.

ii. The Abp.'s property at Lyons. No. CCCCLXXX.

iii. To the Abbot of Clugny. No. CCCCLXXXII.

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[1] De Calceto or Pynham, near Arundel.

iv. To the official of the Bp. of London. No. CCCCLXXXIII.

. 203. i. To M., his commissary, to excommunicate Sir Ralph de Pyvyngton. Gillingham, 4 Non. Oct. ordin. 5.

ij. Citation of Sir Walter de Exsex, the bailiff of Stebenhuthe and John "præpositus sokne domini London' episcopi in Cornhulle." Gillingeham, 4 Non. Oct.

iij. To Martin, his commissary. To order the restitution of the property of Colard de Tremingeham, dec. Otteford, 8 id. Oct. ordin. 5.

iv. To the official of the bp. of Chichester. No. CCCCLXXXV.

. 203 b. i. To his official. No. CCCCXCII.

ij. To John de Perogiis, canon of Besançon. No. CCCCXCIII.

iij. Excommunication of John Bacun, rector of Eastry. Mortlake, 4 Non. Dec. ordin. 5.

iv. To the official of the bp. of Worcester, to levy fines in the diocese. Slindon, 4 Non. Jan. 1283[–4], ordin. 5.

. 204. i. Removal of John de Mortemer from the office of Steward of Wherewell nunnery which he held against their will. Mottesfonte, 18 cal. Feb.

ij. To R. de Hengham. No. DVI.

. 204 b. i. To the official of Winchester. Excommunication of those who resist his sentence in favour of the Abbey of Lyra, concerning tithes at Kerebrok claimed by Quarre Abbey, Slyndon. 1 Feb. 1283[–4], ordin. 6.

ij. Notice of ordination at Sevenoaks on Saturday "iv. temporum" in the first week in Lent. Slyndon, 2 Non. Feb. ordin. 6.

iij. Absolution of Thos. de S. Omero, and Nicholas, canons of Hereford and other exors. of Giles de Aveneburi, late dean of Hereford and rector of Cheyham in the deanery of Croydon. Slyndon, prid. kal. Feb. ordin. 6.

. 205. i. To his commissary. Excommunication and citation of those who procured a royal mandate for the custody of Dover Priory. Slyndon, 3 Non. Feb. 1283[–4], ordin. 6.

ij. To his official. No. DXII.

iij. Mem. of a letter to the Prioress of Ikelington to receive Margery, kinswoman of Wm., late Bp. of Ely. Id. Feb.

. 205 b. i. To Stephen de Penecester and Ralph de Sandwich, justices. Licence to try the plea of Ralph de Normanvile during Lent. Southmalling, 10 cal. Mart. 1283[–4], ordin. 6.

ij. To his official. No. DXVIII.

iij. To the late prior of Boxgrave. No. DXX.

iv. To the official of the Bp. of Chichester. No. DXXI.

v. To A. de Kylekenni. No. DXXII.

f. 206. i. To the official and Dean of Arches. No. DXXIV.
ij. To the Earl of Gloucester. No. DXXVI.
f. 206 b. i. To the prioress of Catesby. No. DXXXVI.
ij. To the prior of Bilsington. No. DXL.
iij. Mem. of the inspeximus of charters of John de Scotia, late earl of Chester and Huntingdon, and Hugh de Dereby, late rector of Fredesham, to the vicar of Fredesham. Aldynton, 6 cal. Maii ordin. 6.
iv. To the dean and chapter of Salisbury, to send John de Burton, their precentor, to take the oath as official during the vacancy. Chertham. 6 Non. Maii 1284, ordin. 6.
v. Ordinance between the parishioners of the chapels of All Saints and St. Nicolas, Thanet. Aldyngton, 5 cal. Maii 1284, ordin. 6.
f. 207. i. To the Dean of Arches, for the liberation of Walter Norman of Staunford, excommunicated at the instance of Alexander Fitz Eleanor. Otford, 2 Non. Maii.
ij. Resignation by Giles de Audenardo, rector of Croyndon, Winton dioc., of Cherring ch., Cantuar., dioc. Canterbury, 2 May 1284.
iij. To John de Perogiis. No. DXLIII.
f. 207 b. i. To the Dean of Riseberg. Citation of the rector of Nyweton to reside on his benefice. Thame, 10 cal. Jun. 1284 ordin. 6.
ij. To the archdeacon of Oxford. No. DXLVIII.
iij. Mem. of the citation of Wm. de Hennovere and Wm. de Chaddesden, exors. of Ralph de Chaddesden, late treasurer of Lichfield. Brewode, 4 Non. Jun.
iv. To Edward I. No. DLII.
f. 208. i. To the archdeacon of Derby. No. DLV.
ij. To the archdeacon of St. Asaph to publish a sentence of excommunication against those who hinder persons from giving true evidence at his visitation. Rothelan, 14 kal. Jul.
iij. To the Archdeacon of St. Asaph. To examine the tenants of Wm. de Warenne, lord of Bromfeld, on the usual articles of visitation. Abberconewe, 12 cal. Jul.
iv. The Gospels of St. Asaph. No. DLIII.
v. To the official of Canterbury. No. DLXXII.
f. 208 b. i. To Hen. de Braundeston. No. DLXXIII.
ij. To the subprior of Pembroke. No. DLXXV.
iij. To W. de Sardenia. No. DLXXVII.
iv. To the official of the bp. of Chichester. No. DLXXXVI.
f. 209. i. Protestation that the Archbp. does not intend to prejudice the rights of the bp. or cathedral of St. David's by com-

mencing his visitation at Lampader. Hamton', Worc. dioc., 2 id. Aug. 1284, ordin. 6.

ij. Similar letter for the Bp. of Llandaff, the visitation commencing at Kenefek. Llanthony Prima, 7 id. Aug.

iij. To Reginald Fitz Peter. No. DLXXXVII.

iv. To the Abbot of Sherburne. No. DLXXXVIII.

f. 209 b. i. Protestation that the celebration of mass or funeral rites at Westminster Abbey by desire of the King, Queen, or other great personages, will not be derogatory to its exemption. Westm., 6 cal. Sept. 1284. ordin. 6.

ij. To the Minister of the Franciscans. No. DXCI.

iij. To J. de Samesio. No. DXCII.

f. 210. i. Inspeximus of certain instruments (not specified) at the request of Giffredus de Vezano, clerk of the Pope's chamber, and Nuncio. Lambeth, 1 Sept. 1284, ordin. 6.

ij. Inspeximus of a confirmation by Kilwardby of the appropriation of churches and pension at Badburham, Sudecampes, Wyndlesore and elsewhere to the Abbot and convent of the Holy Cross, Waltham, dated Wodeford, 3 id. Jan. 1277[-8]. consecr. 5. Waltham, 4 Non. Sept. 1284, ordin. 6.

iij. To the Abbot of Seez. No. DLXXIV.

f. 210 b. i. To his official. No. DXCIV.

ii. To Peter Blaunc. No. DXLV.

iij. To the Bp. of Ely. No. DXCVI.

f. 211. i. To the official of Canterbury. Notification of an ordination to be held on Saturday "quatuor temporum," in Dec. Caversham, 10 cal. Nov.

ij. To Martin, his Commissary. No. DXCVII.

iij. To the Commissary of the Bp. of St. David's. No. DXCIX.

iv. To the official. No. DC.

v. To the official. No. DCII.

f. 211 b. i. To Wm. de Montfort. No. DCV.

ij. To the Chancellor of Oxford. No. DCVII.

iij. To the same. No. DCVIII.

f. 212. i. Warrant to Hen. Lovel to pay 20*s*. to John, the Abp.'s barber, and to provide 500 mks. for business at Rome. Prid. id. Nov.

ij. To Roger, Chancellor of Oxford. No. DCXII.

f. 212 b. i. To the official of the bp. of Cov. and Lich. No. DCXVIII.

ij. To the Chancellor of Oxford. No. DCXIX.

iij. To the Chancellor of Oxford. No. DCXX.

f. 213. i. To the Dean of Risborough. No. DCXXI.

ij. To the Prior and Convent of Christchurch, Twyneham. No. DCXVII.

iij. To the Chancellor of Oxford. No. DCXXII.
f. 213 b. i. To the Archdeacon of Canterbury. No. DCXXIV.
f. 215.[1] i. Mem. of similar letter to Martin, the Commissary.
ii. Licence to bishops to make chrism, at Canterbury on Thursday *in Cœna Domini*, in the abp's. absence. Lydinton cal. Jan. 1284[–5], ordin. 6.
iij. To the archdeacon of Nottingham. No. DCXXXI.
iv. Opinion of Parisian doctors about confession by friars. No. DCXXXII.
f. 216. i. To J. de Lacy. No. DCXXXIII.
ij. To the bp. of Amiens. No. DCXXXIV.
iij. To the official of Amiens. No. DCXXXV.
f. 216 b. i. To Card. Chioletti. No. DCXXXVI.
ij. To the Bp. of Lincoln. No. DCXLV.
f. 221. i. Confirmation by Edward I. of Peckham's institution of a provost and six canons in Wingham ch., dated South Malling, 12 kal. Mart. 1286[–7], ordin. 9 :—Westm. 7 June 18 Edw. I.
ij. Confirmation of Peckham's Statutes for Wingham. Westm. 7 Jun. 18 Edw. I.
f. 221 b. Ordinances for Wingham church (*see* f. 32) (imperfect).

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f. 223. Godstow. No. DCX.
f. 223 b. Cokesford. No. CXXXVII.
f. 224. Glastonbury. No. CCXIII.
f. 224 a. Leominster. No. CCCLXXXIX.
f. 225. Reading. No. CLXXXIX.
f. 225 b. Christchurch, Canterbury. No. CCLXII.
f. 226. i. Christchurch, Canterbury. No. CCLX.
ii. Barking. No. LXX.
f. 227. Christchurch, Canterbury. No. CCLXI.
f. 228. Christchurch, Canterbury. No. CCCVIII.
f. 228 b. St. Martin's Dover. No. CCCCLXXVIII.
f. 229. Rochester. No. CCCCLXXXVII.
f. 229 b. i. To the Bp. of Rochester. No. CCCCLXXXVIII.
ij. Mottesfont. No. DIII.
f. 230 b. Wherwell. No. DIV.
f. 231. i. Wherwell. No. DV.
ij. Romsey. No. DVII.
f. 231 b. Romsey. No. DVIII.
f. 232 b. Southwick. No. DX.
f. 232 a. Another copy of No. DX.

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f. 233. i. The Holy Sepulchre Canterbury. No. DXXXVIII.
ii. To his Commissary. No. DXXXIX.
f. 233 b. To the Bp. of St. Asaph. No. DLXI.
f. 234. Haverford West. No. DLXXI.
f. 234 b. To the Bp. of St. Davids. No. DLXXXI.
f. 235. Ewenny. No. DLXXXII.
f. 235 b. i. Uske. No. DLXXXIV.
ii. Llanthony Prima. No. DLXXXIII.
f. 236 b. Merton College. No. DLXXXIX.
f. 237 b. Bardney. No. DXCIII.
f. 238 b. i. St. Mary Overy, Southwark. No. DXLVI.
ii. St. Mary Overy. No. DXLVII.
iii. Eynsham. No. DCIX.
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f. 239 b. Luffield. No. DCXIII.

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f. 242. i. Articles proposed to Llewellyn. No. CCCXL.
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f. 243. Grievances of the Welsh. No. CCCXLII.
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f. 244. Of the Men of Ros. No. CCCXLIV.
f. 245. i. Of Rys Parvus. No. CCCXLV.
ii. Of Llewellyn and Howel, sons of Rys. No. CCCXLVI.
iii. Of the Sons of Maredud. CCCXLVII.
f. 245 b. i. Of the Men of Ystradaluy. No. CCCXLVIII.
ii. Of the Men of Penliti. No. CCCXLIX.
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